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# IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY WARNS DE VALERA.

## THE NEW MENACE TO PEACE.

### GRAVE APPREHENSIONS OF OUTBREAK.

### SECRET MUNITIONS STORES.

Dublin, Mar. 27.

THE QUARREL FOISTED UPON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT BY MR. DE VALERA THREATENS TO HAVE SERIOUS INTERNAL CONSEQUENCES, THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (ITS EXISTENCE LEGALISED BY THE NEW PRESIDENT'S REPEAL OF THE COSGRAVE EMERGENCY ACTS) REGARDING HIS POLICY AS TOO MEEK AND MILD.

The leaders have issued a warning to the De Valera Government that the Irish Republican Army will remain organised as a fighting force until the Anglo-Irish Treaty has been scrapped "lock, stock and barrel."

Internal conflict is the greatest menace. The feeling is prevalent that sooner or later the friction between the Free State Army and the Irish Republican Army will lead to an outbreak which, undoubtedly, would have grave consequences. The I.R.A. are known to have large secret stores of arms and ammunition and their mood is such that there is every reason for alarm.

### PARADOXICAL STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Although the Easter demonstration, the sixteenth anniversary of the 1916 Rebellion, passed off quietly both in the Free State and in Northern Ireland, there exists undoubtedly grave apprehension as to how long the present paradoxical state of affairs can continue.

It is well-known that the Republicans still have large quantities of arms and ammunition ready to hand in secret caches in different parts of the country, and the delicate relations between the Irish Republican Army and the Free State troops may lead to conflict.

#### BELIEF SHATTERED.

The warning issued by the Irish Republican Army to-day regarding the Anglo-Irish Treaty has disturbed the Republican leader, Mr. Eamon de Valera, shattering his belief that the removal of the Oath of Allegiance and the retention of the land annuities (to which he has committed himself) would win the loyal support of the Republican Army and permit its leaders to contemplate dissolution.

Instead, they have declared that the I.R.A. will remain an active

#### STRENGTH FLAUNTED.

To-day five thousand members of the Irish Republican Army openly flaunted their strength in the streets of Dublin.

A mass parade of the force was held, at which a Proclamation by the I.R.A. Army Council, couched in unequivocal terms, was read out, warning the De Valera Government that,

"The Proclamation of a Republic in Ireland in 1916 remains for us the fundamental declaration of our right and authority to fight for free Ireland." —Reuter.

#### BELFAST SCENES.

Belfast, Mar. 28.

In the presence of hundreds of police, enforcing the North Ireland Government's anti-demonstration orders thousands of people gathered outside the Roman Catholic Cemetery where they knelt and read a prayer for the souls of the victims of the 1916 Rebellion. —Reuter.

### THE WORLD IN DARKNESS.

### GLOOMY SERMONS IN LONDON.

London, Mar. 28.

St. Paul's Cathedral lived up to its "Gloomy" Dean's reputation during European Christendom's celebration of Easter, when the Bishop of London preached a sermon, deplored that the world's spiritual darkness was apparently as intense as it was two thousand years ago.

The latest example of mankind's foolish stupidity was the adoption of worldwide tariff systems, ruining the prospects of prosperity.

Cardinal Bourne, at Westminster Cathedral, sadly dwelt upon civilisation's drift from religion and the absence of effective spiritual leadership. —Reuter.

### SHANGHAI TRADE RESUMPTION.

### APPEAL BY NANKING GOVERNMENT.

### REVENUE NEEDED.

"Telegraph" Special.

Shanghai, Mar. 28, 10.45 a.m. A joint conference of the Shanghai Citizens' Federation and the Amalgamated Street Unions unanimously decided to resume business in Shanghai on April 1.

It was reported to the meeting that the National Government was determined to adopt a policy of long resistance against Japanese aggression and desired the merchants to support the Government by making every productive effort and striving for the promotion of trade and commerce. —Reuter.



### THE MALTA INDISCRETIONS.

### SIGNOR QUINTA COMPLAINS.

### MISREPRESENTATION ALLEGED.

Tripoli, Mar. 27. Signor Quinta, the Under-Secretary of the Italian Ministry of the Interior, whose reported speech at the Fascist headquarters in Malta has caused much fluttering in the Foreign Offices of London and Rome, denies the inflammatory statements attributed to him.

He bitterly complains of misrepresentation by reporters at Malta. He declares:

"Replying to the welcome of the Italian Colony at Malta, I referred to the age-old Anglo-Italian friendship and expressed the hope that Italian language and culture in Malta would be preserved.

The *Malta Chronicle* alleges that the Italian Consul pressed Signor Quinta to be prudent, in view of his presence on British soil, but only drew a storm of invective upon himself.

"You sheep," Signor Quinta is alleged to have said, "I want to hear no excuses. We must teach these — English what Fascism is." —Reuter.

### Twenty-Two Yachts Capsize.

### SQUALL TRAGEDY IN AUSTRALIA.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Adelaide, Mar. 27.

A terrific squall, springing up suddenly to-day when thousands of people were holiday-making, swept the seaside resorts of South Australia with disastrous results.

At least seventy-five people were thrown into the water by the capsizing of small craft and had to struggle for their lives in tossing seas.

The loss of life, fortunately, was not heavy. Five members of the crew of the champion yacht "Sun-South" were drowned. In all, twenty-two yachts were overturned.

### WIPING SLATE CLEAN.

### FURTHER BRITISH REPAYMENTS.

New York, Mar. 27.

Within a very short space of time, Britain is wiping the slate clean as far as America is concerned, according to well-informed Wall Street quarters.

Britain, it is stated, proposes to repay a sum of \$30,000,000 on March 29 and a further \$30,000,000 on April 5, thus extinguishing completely the \$300,000,000 obtained in August last for twenty months. —Reuter.

### U.S. DEMOCRATIC HOPE.

### ROOSEVELT GETS GOOD BACKING.

Atlanta, Mar. 24.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York and candidate for the Democratic nomination as President of the United States, to-day swept the Georgia primaries with an overwhelming victory in the preferential balloting.

Roosevelt won 187 of 189 counties in the balloting. The counts gave Roosevelt 832 county unit votes, and none for Edgar Howard.



A resumption of Japanese activity in war preparations is reported from Shanghai. Our photo shows engineers constructing a bridge across one of the numerous creeks, while in the background are burial mounds.

### JAPANESE BATTLE PREPARATIONS.

### MUCH SPECULATION ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

SOME MYSTERY attaches to the meaning of the latest developments in the Shanghai area, the hurried preparation of strong Japanese trench systems coinciding with the departure of the Lytton Commission. This information has been confirmed by independent sources.

It is reported that the Ninth Division, which was taken out of the line and concentrated at Woosung, is under orders to return to the scene of the last fighting, and that strong detachments have already arrived at Liuho.

### FORMER HEAD OF HARROW.

DEATH OF RIGHT REV.

DR. FORD.

### FINE SCHOLAR.

London, Mar. 27.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Dr. Lionel Ford, Dean of York and former Headmaster of Harrow School.

Dr. Ford, who was born in September, 1865, was educated at Repton School and King's College, Cambridge, where he distinguished himself both in learning and sports. At Repton he was head boy from 1882 to 1884 and captained the cricket team in the latter year. At Cambridge he took the Winchester Reading Prize, a first in the Class I Tripos, and the Chancellor's Medal. He was also captain of his college eleven, played golf for the University and in 1887 was President of the Union.

Thence in 1888 he went to Eton as an assistant master and whilst there took holy orders in 1893. Leaving Eton in 1901, he returned to its Headmaster and remained there until 1910 when he was appointed Head of Harrow School. In 1924, Athens University conferred on him the degree of Ph. D. A year later he accepted the office of Dean of York, and in 1926 received the degree of D. D. Caxton Volumes Sold.

In March 1931, England was startled by a report that some very rare and valuable works had disappeared from the Library of York Minister. Dr. Ford, in reply announced that in 1930 five Caxton volumes had been sold for \$20,000. He and the Chapter, he explained, were confronted with the necessity for carrying out urgent repairs on the roofs, external stone work, parapets and central tower which named cost £50,000. Constant appeals over a period of years had enabled them to obtain £45,000 for the preservation of the priceless medieval windows. No more funds being then available, Dr. Ford and the Chapter, after consulting some of the highest legal and archaeological authorities, decided to part with the Caxton volumes, which had a high marketable value, but no special association with York Minster or the Chapter. —Reuter.

### TIENTSIN BOMB OUTRAGES.

### TWO EXPLOSIONS ON SATURDAY.

Tientsin, Mar. 23.

Two serious bomb explosions occurred in Tientsin on Saturday evening, two pedestrians being seriously wounded.

The first occurred outside the premises of a Chinese firm in the French Concession, and the second caused the partial destruction of two houses in the native city.

No arrests have been made and the cause of the outrages is a mystery. —Reuter.

During a game of football at Hsi-Yi Valley among a number of young Chinese yesterday afternoon, a quarrel ensued between two of the players, resulting in one being wounded across the left side of the head. The man, however, was not seriously injured.

### SHANGHAI FRONT ACTIVITY.

### ANXIETY BEGINNING TO DEVELOP.

Harbin, Mar. 28.

Serious fighting is reported between Manchukuo troops and forces opposed to the new regime five miles to the north of Wukimo.

The troops loyal to the new Government were supported by Japanese bombing aeroplanes, which wreaked havoc in the ranks of the "rebels." It is stated that the Manchukuo troops drove back their opponents in disorder with heavy losses.

### C.-IN-C'S TOUR.

The Japanese commander-in-chief, General Shirakawa, made a tour of inspection yesterday afternoon, paying special attention to the defence system in the Nanking region.

The portend of the Japanese preparations in the subject of much speculation, and the Chinese are commenting on the fact that the activities were commenced immediately upon the departure for Nanking of the League's Manchuria Commission.

In LINE AGAIN.

Chinese intelligence declare that a large number of men of the Ninth Japanese Division, who were withdrawn to the Woosung area last week, have been sent back into the advanced lines, in support of the Fourteenth Division.

The strongest Japanese positions are at Nanzhang and Liuho. Kading is now being strengthened.

The lines at Nanzhang are said to have been heavily mined.

### FIGHTING FEARED.

A commander of the Nineteenth Route Army stated to-day that he had had information indicating that the Japanese might attack Hsiaohsiang, Hsiaochia, and Hsiaochia.

If he refused to pay the demanded sum of money to the Japanese, the Chinese would be compelled to fight.

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### LINDBERGH DRAMA.

### A CLERGYMAN'S STORY.

### BABY TO RETURN IN A WEEK.

New York, Mar. 27.

Nearly four weeks after the kidnapping of the baby-son of Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh, with hopes of ultimate rescue gradually dimming, there comes to-day a message from Norfolk, Virginia, stating that the baby will be returned within a week, possibly to-morrow.

This dramatic statement was made with the authority of Dr. Dobson Peacock, the Norfolk clergyman who has been acting as an intermediary between Colonel Lindbergh and the kidnapping gang responsible for the outrage.

Dr. Dobson Peacock declares that he has actually seen the baby, which it is understood, is being held either in the region of North Carolina, or on a boat about thirty miles from Norfolk, Virginia. —Reuter.

### OTHER THREATS.

Police are guarding the homes of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, sister of Theodore Roosevelt, Governor General of the Philippines Islands, and Sir William Lewis, former Manila newspaper man, as the result of threatening notes sent them by kidnappers.

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## VALLEY MURDER.

WITNESSES EXAMINED BY  
POLICE AUTHORITIES.

Continuing their investigations into the dastardly murder which was perpetrated on Mr. George Fung at Village Road, Happy Valley on Thursday evening, the Police examined a number of witnesses during the week-end and it was disclosed yesterday that none of the persons interrogated has so far been detained.

The Police attach little significance to the discovery on a certain party of two arms licences, for one of which the owner holds no weapon. The explanation given was that the firearm covered by the licence was never brought into the Colony, the licence having been issued by the authorities in Shanghai. Neither licence found in the party's possession applies to the automatic which was discarded by the assassin.

Little doubt seems to be entertained that jealousy was the motive for the crime and that the murder was committed by a paid assassin. It is on these lines that the Police are conducting their enquiries but it is pointed out that their chief difficulty is in the lack of identification of any nature, thus minimising their chances of being able to prove anything definite against anybody whom they might arrest in connection with the outrage.

Miss Lai Ming-fay.

The charming lady who was with the deceased on the night of the murder is Miss Lai Ming-fay, the name by which she is known on the stage. Miss Lai comes of a talented family of artists and her father was the organiser of a well-known Chinese musical and dancing company which visited Hongkong and Singapore with much success some four years ago. Prior to her visit to South China, Miss Lai had established herself as a promising cinema actress in Shanghai and has taken the leading feminine role in several Chinese pictures.

Subsequent to the tour in Singapore and other parts of the Straits Settlements, Miss Lai settled in Hongkong and some two years ago the vernacular Press gave considerable publicity to a romance between her and a young Chinese. Miss Lai is said to have been residing at the Hotel Nathan in Yau Ma Tei.

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The murdered man was the grandson of the late Mr. Fung Wah-chuen, who was the Chinese representative on the Sanitary Board some thirty years ago. His grandfather was then the organiser of numerous public concerns and was the manager of a well-established Chinese bank in Hongkong. He had also served in the Peking Government as an official.

Mr. George Fung was a keen motorist and dancer and enjoyed a large circle of friends. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the Chinese Permanent Cemetery at Aberdeen and was well attended by relatives and friends.

## FORCIBLY EJECTED.

UNWANTED VISITOR REFUSES  
TO LEAVE.

Stated to be insane, a Chinese who went to a house in Portland Street on Saturday night and there created a disturbance was forcibly ejected by the inmates of the house. So rough was the treatment used to remove the intruder that he received injuries to the side of his face, although they were not of a serious nature. In a report issued by the Police, the man, Ho Wai, aged 58, of 169 Portland Street, went to 187, Portland Street where he started to create a disturbance. He is stated to be slightly insane and refused to leave the premises when requested. A tenant of the

FAMOUS AMERICAN  
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Miss Elder spoke enthusiastically of the trip, which she is enjoying immensely. She said that in Madras she went up in a Puas moth, with a friend, and whilst in Batavia was given the opportunity of flying from there to Samarang, a distance of over 200 miles, in a specially chartered plane. She also flew over Manila for over an hour in a plane which she piloted herself, and arrangements have been made for her return from Canton to-day in a special plane.

Miss Elder is a real hustling American. Besides that she is beautiful, and it comes as no surprise to learn that she won prizes in two beauty competitions in 1927.

At that time the question who would be the first woman to cross the Atlantic by aeroplane was exciting the American people, so Miss Elder decided to compete. She started from Roosevelt Field, near New York, in October, 1927 in her own machine, the "American Girl" with George Haldemann as co-pilot. But the plane met with disaster after being 20 hours in the air, and was forced to descend in the sea. Just when all hope had been abandoned the Dutch steamer Barendrecht was sighted, and Miss Elder and Capt. Haldemann were taken on board. On her return to the United States Miss Elder accepted a theatrical contract, said to be worth \$20,000, and won the U.S.A. coast-to-coast Derby for Girls next year. She is one of the only two women in the world to belong to the famous Order of Quiet Birdmen.

Miss Elder's real name is Mrs. George Camp, for she married the famous movie Director last year. Mr. Camp is as famous as his plucky wife in the States, for besides being the Director of Inspiration Pictures Inc., he is Director of the famous Madison Square Gardens, scene of so many athletic andistic meets.

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She is capable of a fast turn of speed, and is fitted with the most modern equipment for the comfort and safety of passengers. She has a large tennis court, and a fine swimming pool. Some of her best cabins are furnished in Louis XVI, Louis XV, "Empire," "Directoire," "Moderne" and "Restoration" styles.

The liner was launched at the Loria docks on November 6, 1930. She is assigned to the Indo-China, China and Japan service. The ship measures 172,300 meters in length, 23.80 meters in width and has a draft of 8 1/2 metres. She is propelled by two groups of Diesel engines of 6,000 h.p. each, and can accommodate 1,070 passengers.

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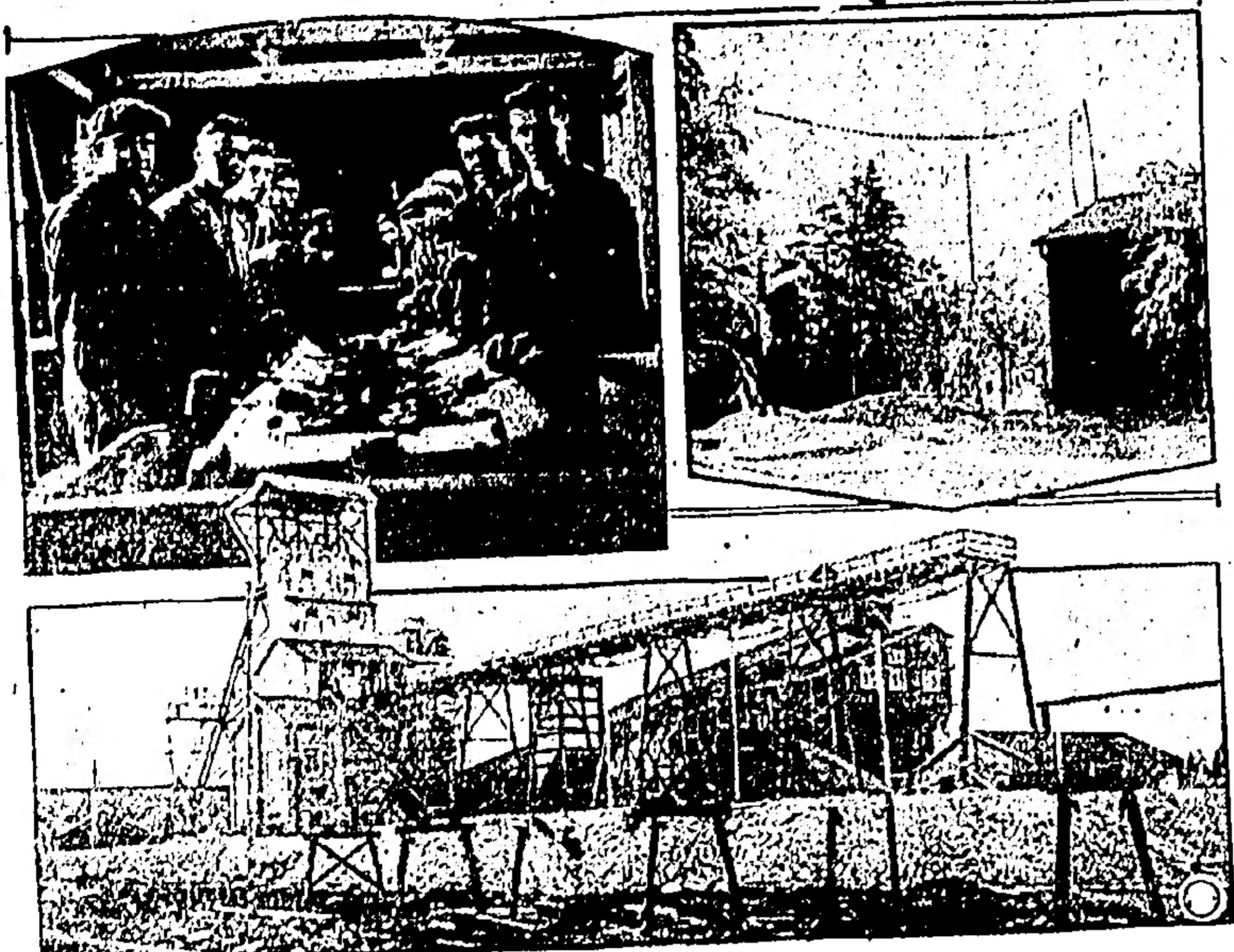
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## GOLD PROSPECTING IN SWEDEN: A FIERY VOLCANO: RUMANIA ROMANCE.



The main shaft houses of the Boliden gold mine recently discovered in Sweden and now being actively worked, are shown below, and at upper left are workers separating the ore. The bleak character of the Skelleftea district is suggested in the picture at upper right.



Pouring forth clouds of smoke and ashes, De Fuego—Guatemala's famous "Volcano of Fire"—presented this fearsome aspect as a minor eruption menaced the town of Antigua recently. Fine ashes rained over the community, terrorizing the inhabitants.



Happily smiling despite their reported exile from Rumania, Prince Nicholas and his morganatic wife are shown as they left a fashionable hotel in Paris. Nicholas' recent marriage to the former Mme. Lucia Doleji—daughter of a saloonkeeper and divorced wife of a minor diplomat—aroused the wrath of King Carol.

### THREE KINDS of LOVE

by KAY  
CLEAVER  
STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Ann and Cecily Fenwick have for years supported themselves, their younger sister, Mary-Frances, and their grandparents, known as "Boswell" and "Fancy," in this as a "business." They are the stage partner.

Ann and Phil quarrel when she hears Letty King, who works in Phil's office hunting, adding his name to hers. Ann and the others urge Phil to go along with Kenny Smith, rich and attentive.

Mary-Frances agrees to go away with Phil. And still in school, he and Cecily Fenwick are the day. Cecily goes to her grandfather and drives away with Harry in his car.

Kenneth Smith asks Ann to marry him and she refuses.

#### CHAPTER XL

Opportunities for Mary-Frances, for Cissy. Cissy could marry, conscience clear, and be happy. What right did Ann have to refuse all this simply because she did not desire it for herself? Or did she, perhaps, desire it? She had never before thought of it seriously. She couldn't do the boy any harm. He did not love her—but he thought that he did. He loved himself so dearly that he could not bear to deny himself anything.

The trouble was that marrying this funny boy was just one of those things that could not be done—not for money, nor for any reason. Suppose Grand were ill again this winter? Suppose Cecily might be married, right now. They had not bought their fuel for the coming winter. They had paid only half of the taxes last March. How soon could she find another position, with times as they were right now? People did do mad

things. People did do things like saying suddenly, "Very well! Drive to the City Hall and get a license and we'll be married right away." There was a phrase—"within the hour." Suppose she were to say that? Suppose she simply opened her mouth and allowed the words to come out? Then what would happen? The minister. The ceremony. "Honour and obey—".

She looked furtively at Kenneth. She looked longer, and drew in a deep breath and released it with a gurgle, clear and antiseptic. She had been having a melodramatic dream, a bad dream, and she had come suddenly awake.

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"Well. Heidache better?" he asked, but with no solicitude.

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Mrs. Hill came, and there were more greetings, and kisses, and laughter, and Mary-Frances on lagging legs followed the three into

A humane revolver, which inflicts a knockout, but leaves no injurious effects, is being tried out by the Paris police department.

This "knockout gun" is the invention of Professor Diou, an expert on fire-arms, and consists of a cone-shaped attachment

which can be applied to almost any revolver. Inside there is a

power of chemical substances.

Mrs. Hill's chastely charming yellow-and-white kitchen.

Uncle Chaney beamed the hamster to the table's shining top and said, for the third time, "Essie

figured if I was going to camp on you folks, I'd better bring a little something along," and Mrs. Hill and Ermintrude began to dip into the baskets, and take things out, and exclaim, and say that Essie

shouldn't have the ideal—and that Uncle Chaney shouldn't have

"Salt rising bread!" and "enough for a regiment for a month," and all that sort of thing.

Chickens, spring ones, ready to fry; two quarts of Jersey cream as yellow as cheese; chubby brown cookies, cooked with raisins; and angel-food cake, lacking only wings, and strawberries, early picked with the dew on them, and fragrant in fresh green leaves. Sweet butter

packed in a fat brown crock; white lettuce, crisp as paper; curving green cucumbers; holly-red tomatoes, and fascinating things in

glasses that Essie just put in 'cause she wanted you folks to sample em—she didn't know how good they were. All these, and more, too, were fed to the refrigerator, and plans were afoot for strawberry shortcake with whipped cream, and Mary-Frances watched

and listened, faint, and forlorn.

Since breakfast, Mary-Frances had eaten one salted wafer. She

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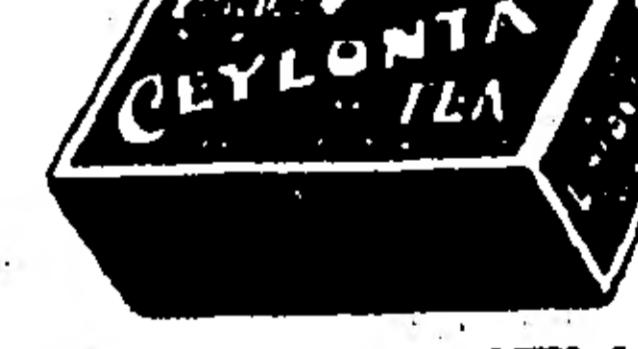
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March 1932), made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company. Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call, in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March, 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive. Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers,  
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Seventh Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1931. The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd March to 30th March 1932, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LTD.  
General Managers.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 31st MARCH 1932, at 11 a.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th to the 31st March, 1932 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 17th March, 1932.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undesignated on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,  
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## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 43rd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors.

ALLAN KEITH,  
Secretary,  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1932.

## THE HONG KONG MEMORIAL NURSING HOME.

The public is advised that the Nursing Home is now open for the admission of patients.

Accommodation is provided for fifty-five persons, including twenty-five first-class and maternity wards.

The Nursing Home is furnished and equipped throughout on the most modern lines.

Private bathrooms are attached to each first-class ward.

RATES:—1st Class \$11.—per day; 2nd Class \$6—per day; ordinary medicines and small dressings included.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS.  
Secretaries & Treasurers.

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1931, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th March, 1932, until Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
SHIENWAN, TOMEI & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

## SEVENTH CHILD RIDDLE.

In the seventh child of a seventh child more apt than others to be a genius, or do the bright boys and girls come just as readily or more readily among the firstborn or the second?

In a broadcast last night, Sir William Beveridge, Director of the London School of Economics, said the investigation in which the B.B.C. and himself were co-operating might lead to the mystery of the seventh child being solved.

Time: 1 min. 24.2/5 sec.

Won by: A length, short head.

## SATURDAY'S RACE MEETING.

## SEASON TICKET BREAKS RECORD.

The outstanding event at Saturday's Races was the remarkable performance of Season Ticket, which broke the six furlongs record for Australian ponies in the very fast time of 1 min. 21.2/5 sec.

Excellent conditions prevailed, and good racing was seen in almost every event. Woodland Stag, last year's unbeaten Australian champion, suffered defeat when he lost to one of this year's batch of ponies from Australia. However, he should make amends to-day, as the distance will be longer.

1 Commonwealth Handicap—Winner \$460. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won races anywhere at any time.

Heleside's Holter, Stroller 140 lb. (Mr. D. Black) 1

E. L. Hoole's Philanderer 158 lb. (Mr. W. W. Miles) 2

L. T. F. F. Gold Bar 160 lb. (Mr. Butler) 3

Also ran: Blue Heaven 155 lb. (Mr. P. Chisholm); Buchanan 155 lb. (Mr. A. M. L. Sonres); Celerity 140 lb. (Mr. Carroll); Country Club 140 lb. (Mr. A. M. Rafeek); Duke of Milan 140 lb. (Mr. J. H. Charlton); Echo 165 lb. (Mr. B. Beresford); Little Gem 140 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung); Scrappit 143 lb. (Mr. Norman); Shantau Beau 162 lb. (Mr. H. P. Rees); Sonny Boy 149 lb. (Mr. H. C. Lee); Trig 149 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho); Tim 150 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang); White Label 151 lb. (Mr. Butler).

Time: 2 mins. 05.5/5 sec.

Won by: 2 lengths, 1/4 length.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$200.00; Places, 1st \$29.50; 2nd \$10.40; 3rd \$6.50.

7 Commonwealth Handicap. Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "E" Class. One Mile.

Li & Lin's Mistake 155 lb. (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) 1

H. S. Chan's Porcupine 158 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2

Hau Yui's Jupiter 184 lb. (Mr. Charles) 3

Also ran: Blue Plains 155 lb. (Mr. Caplan); Bright Eyes 155 lb. (Mr. F. L. Soares); Dan'l Whiddon 152 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung); Estrella 155 lb. (Mr. Proulx); Friar John 155 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan); Hugger 150 lb. (Mr. Rafeek); Kaupus 165 lb. (Mr. Charles); Movie Star 145 lb. (Mr. Noronha); The Crook 165 lb. (Mr. Harriman); The Wanderer 166 lb. (Mr. H. C. Lee); Trig 142 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Rosa); Tim 150 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang); White Label 151 lb. (Mr. Butler).

Time: 2 mins. 08 sec.

Won by: 3 lengths, 5 lengths.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$54.40; Places, 1st \$10.00; 2nd \$5.50; 3rd \$2.50.

8 Commonwealth Handicap. Winner \$550. Second \$275. Third \$175. For China Ponies, "H" Class. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (about One Mile 171 Yards).

Dynasty's King's Justice 165 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 1

Tester & Abraham's The Tiger 150 lb. (Mr. Frost) 2

H. S. Chan's Racing Boy 155 lb. (Mr. Butler) 3

Also ran: Adam 149 lb. (Mr. Proulx); Bowery 146 lb. (Mr. Noronha); Champagne Bay 155 lb. (Mr. Palmer); Daylight Eve 150 lb. (Mr. Caplan); Eros 154 lb. (Mr. Miles); Herodotus 152 lb. (Mr. Stanton); Hippo 150 lb. (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Paul Pry 150 lb. (Mr. Harriman); Peppermint 165 lb. (Mr. F. M. L. Soares); Sanction 140 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang); Wonderful Star 140 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung).

Time: 2 mins. 12.2/5 sec.

Won by: 3 lengths, 1/4 length.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$23.70; Places, 1st \$8.20; 2nd \$2.50; 3rd \$1.00.

9 Commonwealth Handicap. Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (about One Mile 171 Yards).

Dynasty's King's Justice 165 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 1

Li & Lin's Don 161 lb. (Mr. Proulx) 2

Bellamy 152 lb. (Mr. Gordon's King's Parade) 3

Also ran: Alexandra Hall 144 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho); Bluebelle 149 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung); Cabinet Hall 149 lb. (Mr. Ahern); Cebu 140 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho); Christmas Rejo 147 lb. (Mr. Palmer); Christmas Rejo 162 lb. (Mr. Stanton); Cloudy Eve 158 lb. (Mr. Charles); Devon 140 lb. (Mr. Ben); Escudillo 140 lb. (Mr. Ben); Festival Eve 141 lb. (Mr. Proulx); Golden Ring 156 lb. (Mr. S. Pan); Imperial Hall 152 lb. (Mr. Liou); Just Imagine 140 lb. (Mr. A. E. M. Rafeek); Labrador Bay 156 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Rosa); Navy Hall 156 lb. (Mr. Caplan); Orlando 155 lb. (Mr. Y. M. Loo); San Francisco 152 lb. (Mr. Cleland); The Gau 150 lb. (Mr. Butler); The Plover 155 lb. (Mr. Carroll); Toby 149 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang); Tommy Boy 148 lb. (Mr. Charles); Wembley Star 160 lb. (Mr. Frost).

Time: 2 mins. 15 sec.

Won by: 1 1/4 lengths, 1 length.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$36.90; Places, 1st \$12.00; 2nd \$9.70; 3rd \$3.70.

10 Commonwealth Handicap. Winner \$500. Second \$260. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "B" Class. One and a Half Miles.

Dynasty's Hetman 163 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 1

Mrs. Dunbar's Sitting Bull 163 lb. (Mr. Frost) 2

A. M. L. Soares' Sado 160 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Rosa) 3

Also ran: Coronation Eve 158 lb. (Mr. Charles); Gold Key 142 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan).

Time: 3 mins. 05 sec.

Won by: 1 length, 2 lengths.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$18.00; Places, 1st \$8; 2nd \$7.50.

## PEACE DEADLOCK IN SHANGHAI.

## JAPANESE BUILDING DEFENCES.

Shanghai, Mar. 26. The Peace Conference met again to-day at the British Consulate but no progress was made. It is understood that the Conference was almost ruined over the question of the line to which the Japanese are to withdraw.

It was stated yesterday that the Japanese demanded that they be allowed to hold the line extending from Chenku to the Szechuan Forts and along the Yangtze from Yangchow to Tchang. The Chinese Delegates refused to accede to this demand and the meeting almost met with disaster.

The Neutral Delegate finally secured another meeting this morning, which, however, failed to surmount the hurdle, but it appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of Chinese and Japanese Military Officers who will discuss the matter, and it is hoped that this will facilitate the work of the Conference when it meets again on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Chinese and Japanese Delegates have referred to their respective Governments for further instructions.—*Reuter*.

## Ancillary Units Being Withdrawn.

Tokyo, Mar. 26. Imperial sanction was obtained this afternoon to carry out the second withdrawal of troops from Shanghai to Japan, and Mr. Shirakawa has been instructed accordingly.

Details were not obtainable, but the withdrawal is believed to comprise the Engineering, Commissariat and other special units originally despatched as Army Troops.—*Reuter*.

## Japanese Digging Themselves In.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. A visit to the areas west of Kiangwan bear out Nanking's persistent reports that the Japanese are building extra defences and digging themselves in.

Near Choniu Japanese troops are busy digging trenches and laying barbed wire entanglements.—*Reuter Special*.

## The Commission.

Nanking, Mar. 27. The city was gay with flags and the streets lined with people to welcome the Lord Lytton Commission this morning.

The party were officially met aboard the Tuckwo by Mr. Lo Wen-kan, the Foreign Minister. They then motored through the streets escorted by officers of the Moral Endeavour Society, where they are quartering.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is entertaining them to lunch to-morrow and a full programme has been fixed for the four days the Commission is expected to remain here.—*Reuter*.

## Strict Rule Broken.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. As indicating the Chinese authorities' intention to show every possible courtesy to the Lytton Commission, the very strict rule against smoking and drinking on the premises of the officers of the Moral Endeavour Society was broken in their favour. Hitherto even military commanders and Government leaders were not granted such liberty.

There is a possibility that the Commission will proceed to Hankow after concluding their enquiry in Nanking.—*Reuter Special*.

## Washington Riot.

Washington, Mar. 27. Several people were injured in a clash which occurred outside the Japanese Embassy when the police broke up a radical demonstration in which banners were carried denouncing Japanese imperialism in China.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## BISHOP INDISPOSED.

## FAREWELL SERMON AT ST. JOHN'S ON SUNDAY.

His Lordship, the Right Rev. C. R. Dwyer, Bishop of Victoria, who in severing his connexion with the Colony, is indisposed and has been confined to bed suffering from fever.

The Bishop of Victoria is due to leave Hongkong for Home shortly and is to preach his farewell sermon at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next. Special arrangements are being made by other churches to permit their congregations to listen to the sermon, which will also be broadcast. The usual morning service at St. Peter's Church has been cancelled to allow worshippers to attend the Cathedral, whilst the parishioners of St. Andrew's Church hope to receive the sermon by radio.

## CAR WITHOUT GEARS.

## REMARKABLE BRITISH INVENTION.

Yesterday writes a London correspondent, saw the advent of a car that has no gear-box, yet has an infinite variety of rear axle drives from a high ratio of 5 to 1 to the lowest of 30 to 1.

I was a passenger in the first trip of this car, which will be available to the public next year, when a famous manufacturer will put it on the market in his 1933 "easy-to-drive" model.

Gear changing is abolished as regards the old-fashioned method of sliding gears. After the engine is started the driver has only to move a small lever on the steering wheel and the car glides away from rest whether it be on level ground or an uphill gradient of 1 in 3.

This new device, which is the invention of a British engineer, Mr. Robertson, of Tank fame, gives direct drive so flexible that one can crawl at a speed of 1½ miles an hour; travel at 60 miles an hour on the level, and ascend steep hills which no ordinary car can climb.

The secret is a hydraulic-controlled friction clutch drive which allows the driver to select the ratio suitable for the occasion by moving the lever on the steering wheel up or down. The lever controls the action of a tiny oil pump which acts as a hydraulic ram, engaging on the clutch flywheel. No clutch pedal is required.

The new device gave the 8 h.p. car tested all the acceleration and climbing power of a car of four times its engine rating. We romped up difficult hills with ease, jumped from slow to fast speeds in a few seconds, while the driver simply kept his foot down on the accelerator pedal and moved the hydraulic control lever to the position giving the desired speed (and therefore gear ratio) to suit the occasion.

## EXPLOSION IN A PILL-BOX.

## PROFESSOR BADLY INJURED.

Bristol, Feb. 27. Dr. W. E. Garner, Professor of Physical Chemistry at Bristol University, was severely injured by an explosion of chemicals in a cellar at the University to-day.

His condition is stated to be serious.

Dr. Garner had arranged to give a lecture on explosives at the Royal Institution in London and he went to the cellar where chemicals are stored to obtain a supply for experiment.

In a Pill Box.

He was carrying six milligrammes, equal to about half a dozen pinsheads, in a pill box, and it was this which exploded.

Dr. Garner staggered from the cellar into a passage, and was found there with his hand badly injured, his face burned, and suffering from shock.

An ambulance officer who was in the building gave first-aid, and the professor was later removed to the Royal Infirmary in a motor-car.

A Safe Explosive.

"Such an explosion has never occurred here before," said an official at the University. "These things do happen occasionally. For some unknown reason, what is a perfectly safe explosive goes off under the most unexpected conditions. It will probably never happen again. Dr. Garner is a very careful experimenter and worked at Woolwich during the war."

Dr. Garner has been Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University since 1927. Born in 1889, he was lecturer in chemistry at the University of Birmingham in 1919.

## WORK FOR 3,000.

## PATRIOTIC OFFER BY JERSEY FARMERS.

The farmers of Jersey, who find a ready market in England for their early produce, are making a patriotic gesture which should assist in relieving to an extent the unemployment problem.

Some 3,000 agricultural workers will be required in May to deal with the early potato and tomato crops in the Island. Previously the labour has been imported from Brittany, but this year efforts are to be made to absorb surplus labour from Great Britain.

The terms offered are attractive. Passages will be provided both ways. The Farmers' Union of Jersey will send to selected centres in England a deputation to interview prospective workers.

## IF HOGARTH CAME BACK.

## THE SILENT FILM AS MEDIUM.

Themes for the genius of William Hogarth, the great English painter and pictorial satirist, had he been alive to-day, were enumerated by Mr. Hesketh Hubbard, in a lecture at the Royal Society of Arts.

"Instead of 'The Lottery,'" Mr. Hubbard remarked, "he would paint 'The Irish Sweepstakes'; 'Women making up in Public' would take the place of 'Strolling Actresses Dressing in a Barn'; 'Marriage à la Mode' would become 'Divorce à la Mode.' The dole would offer him another 'Industry and Idleness'; instead of 'The State Coach' he would depict the departure of a motor-coach. For 'Beer - street' and 'Gin-lane' read 'Cocktail Court.' 'False Perspective Exemplified' would, without alteration, summarise his reaction to modern art. In the frame of 'The Cock Pit' would be 'The Dirt Track' or 'Dog Racing'.

"He would let himself go over another 'Election' series. Mr. Gandhi, Steve Donoghue, Dorn, Dean Inge, and Charlie Chaplin would occupy the throne in his studio."

Celluloid for Canvas.

"Could he have kept away from Elstree?" Mr. Hubbard asked. "With his sense of the theatre I believe celluloid would have taken the place of canvas with him. I wished, he wrote, 'to compose pictures similar to representations on the stage. . . . I have endeavoured to treat my subject as a dramatic writer; my pictures as my stage, and men and women my players, who, by means of certain actions and gestures, are to exhibit a dumb show.' The silent film, not the talkie, would have been his medium.

"A Harlot's Progress," A Rake's Progress," Marriage à la Mode," are not these the plots of more than 75 per cent. of the films we see to-day?"

## WAR DEBTS.

## APPEAL BY CHURCHES AND PUBLIC MEN.

Professors, leading Churchmen and business men have given their signatures to a declaration urging—

The cancellation of war indemnities and reparations.

The lightening of the crushing burden of taxation due to excessive armaments and

The lowering or removal of tariff barriers.

"With no lack of natural products or manufactured goods everywhere, the whole world is threatened with bankruptcy," states the declaration, which is published under the title of "The Interdependence of Nations."

"No one would deny that the circulation of goods is the life-blood of national and international commerce. We therefore, affirm that the only way to renewed prosperity is the removal of all hindrances to the free flow of goods and commodities and to unhampered intercourse between the nations....

The Signatories.

Among the signatures to the declaration are those of:

M. E. Aubrey (secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland), the Rev. Dr. Berry (secretary, Congregational Union of England and Wales), Sir William Beveridge (director, London School of Economics), the Rev. Carey Bonner (president, Baptist Union), the Bishop of Ripon, Lord Cowdray, the Rev. C. Jackson (president, United Methodist Church), the Rev. Dr. J. Scott Liddell (Vice-Chancellor, London University), the Right Rev. R. G. Parsons, Bishop of Middleton, Major H. L. Nathan, M.P., Lord Rhydor, Lord Roche, Dr. Maude Roydon, the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Manchester and the Rev. K. Harrop White (president, General Assembly of the Unitarian and Free Christian Churches).

## THE DEPRESSION IN SWEDEN.

## AN EXCLUSIVE PROFESSION.

## TOASTMASTERS BORN NOT MADE.

"Your Royal Highness, my lords, ladies and gentlemen, pray silence for . . ."

With arms outspread or raised according to taste, with mellow tones surging over the chattering throng, the scarlet coat brilliant among the black and white which is the motif of the gathering, the toastmaster impels every eye, stills every voice.

How does he do it?

Is there a school for training toastmasters?

Do they take degrees?

Are there text books on the subject and examinations?

None of these things—toastmasters are born, not made.

That is the considered verdict of the handful of London toastmasters whose ranks have recently been depleted by the death of the dozen of them all, Mr. Knightsmith.

Years ago, tradition has it, the first toastmaster graduated from a railway station, where his sonorous renderings of station names won him the coveted rostrum at Lloyd's. A tale is told of the member who heard his name being shouted as he was emerging from Mansion House station and by means of a harmonica on the floor of Lloyd's before the last syllable had reached itself to a standstill.

This is probably apocryphal, but there is no doubt that the exporter made a stir in the City.

To-day, with nearly every other business and profession in the doldrums, the toastmasters of London admit that they have more work to do than they can manage.

Tact and Patience.

The "compeint" toastmaster must have personality, good deportment, a good appearance, a good voice, experience of procedure, infinite tact, and more than man's usual share of patience.

Small wonder, then, that there are few toastmasters in London.

Now that Mr. Knightsmith is dead it is likely that his son will succeed him. Some years ago he assisted his father in the work, but left it for a prosperous garage business. Now he will almost certainly return to the seat of the toastmasters through being a guest.

The other "leaders" of the profession are Mr. E. W. Poynter and Mr. Tinsley. Mr. Poynter, who emerged from the war with an M.C. and the rank of Captain, graduated to the ranks of toastmasters through being a guest.

On many occasions as he was called to his feet by Mr. Knightsmith, he wondered what it was like to be a toastmaster.

He made up his mind to find out and went to as many functions as he could to study the technique. Then he "tried it on the dog"—the society of which he was a member. Plushed with success he offered his services elsewhere and gradually founded his present extensive practice.

Most nights of the week during the dining-out season he has to employ deputies to take his place.

"Some years ago," he said, "practically only large official gatherings engaged a toastmaster. Smaller gatherings used to rely on a waiter with lamentable results. Gradually people began to see that apart from announcing the toasts the toastmaster had a way of making the whole function run smoothly. So our business grew."

## ECONOMIC BLIZZARD WEATHERING.

After lengthy negotiations new wage agreements have been concluded between the employers and the trade unions in three of Sweden's most important branches of industry, the machine works, the iron works and the wood industry. Negotiations for an agreement in the wood pulp industry are not present being carried on.

The three agreements resulted in a wage reduction for the machine and iron works of 4 to 6% and for the sawmill industry of 6 to 8%.

The latest Riksbank report shows a continued improvement of the position of the bank through a further reduction of the note circulation by 12 million kronor to 469 millions, leaving an unused note reserve of 175 million kronor. At the same time the foreign currency reserve registered another increase by 3 millions to 89 million kronor.

The latest general report of the Swedish private banks shows a total improvement of the foreign balance of payments by 24 million kronor, leaving a net surplus of foreign claims of 611 million kronor.

## RADIO BROADCAST

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

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5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme of Victor and Columbia Records.

7.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc.

7.03-7.12 p.m. Orchestral.

Apache Dance (Offenbach).

La Golondrina (The Swallow).

La Serradella (Verdi).

Victor Salon Orchestra, 21056 Vic.

7.12-8.00 p.m. Variety.

Negro Spiritual-Run, Mary, Run.

Negro Spiritual-Nobody Knows de Troubles I See.

Edna Thomas (Soprano).

Song-In my Young Days.

Song-The Nut Brown Ale of England.

Ernest Hastings, Col. 5642.

Instrumental-Hilo-Hawaiian March.

Instrumental-Drowsy Water.

Kane's Hawaiians, Vic. 29702.

Song-Because No Power on Earth Can

Pull It Down.

Song-The Barrers in the Walworth Road.

Norman Long, Col. DB292.

Descriptive Ballad-The Village Blacksmith.

Columbia Dramatic Players, Col. 5680.

Saxophone Solo-Marilyn.

Saxophone Solo-Saxophone.



## DANUBIAN COMBINE.

## PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF THE BIG POWERS.

Paris, Mar. 26. That a Conference of Representatives of the Great Powers, including Britain, France, Italy and Germany meet, probably in Geneva, with a view to reaching a preliminary agreement with regard to the question of an Economic Pact between the Danubian States, is proposed by the British Government in a communication to the French Government, the procedure to be followed for the conclusion of such a Pact. Direct negotiations with the Danubian States would follow the preliminary agreement.

M. Tardieu has already replied to the British communication, and well-informed circles opine that it is probable that a meeting between M. Tardieu, Sir John Simon, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Dr. Briening and Signor Grandi will take place, presumably at Geneva, during the Disarmament Conference which is to resume on April 11.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

## Germany Willing to Co-Operate.

Berlin, Mar. 27. The Government has decided heartily to welcome the British Government's invitation to send a representative to an Anglo-French Indo-German conference in London on the Danubian question, but

## MALTA AGITATION.

## ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT.

Rome, Mar. 26. The Foreign Office has issued a statement denying the "rumours" attributing to Sig. Giunta's declaration a political character.—*Reuter.*

Malta, Mar. 27. Presumably as a sequel to the Giunta incident, the Italian Consul has left Malta unexpectedly. It is believed for Rome.

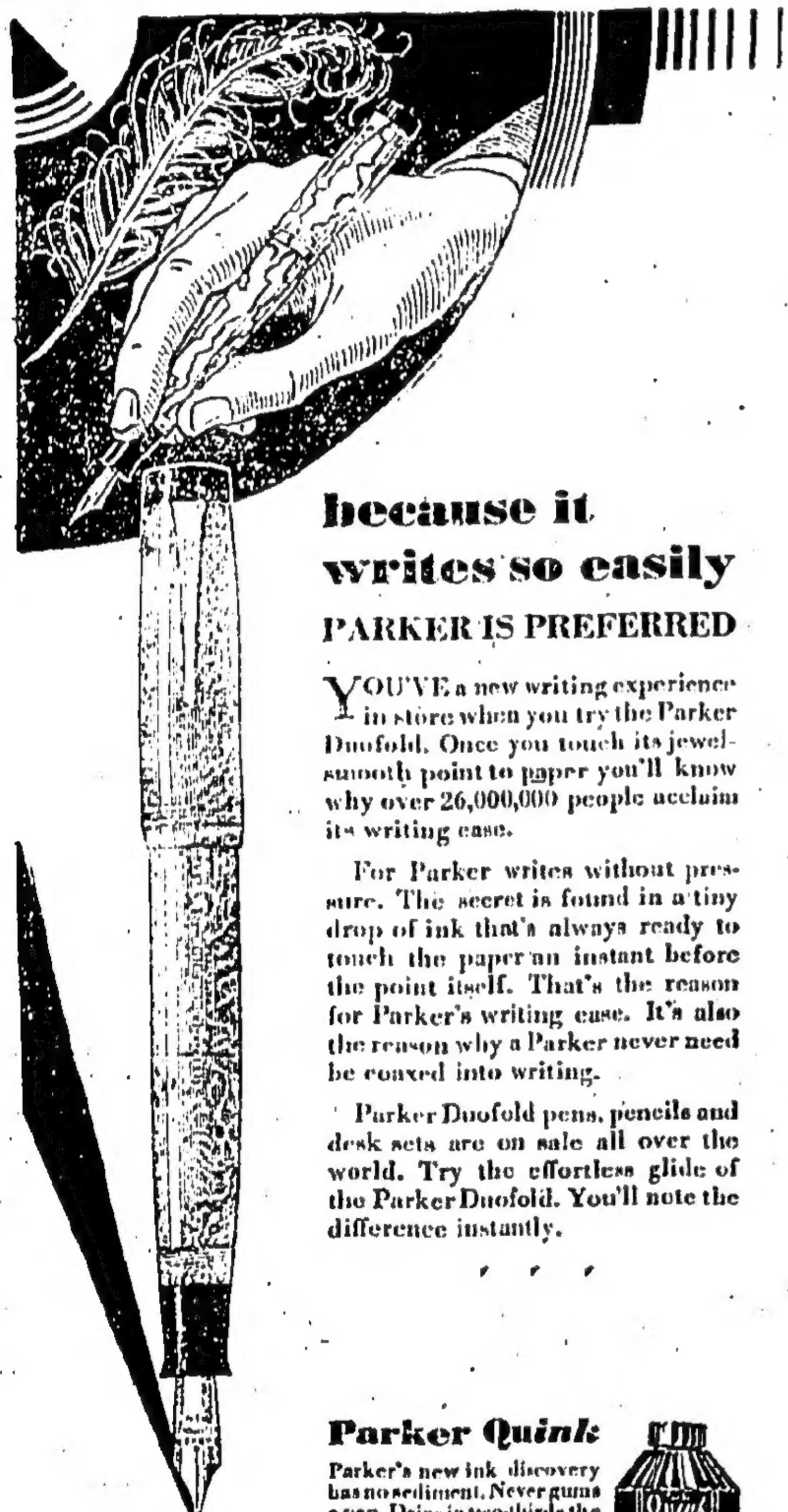
Replying to the Italian Foreign Office statement, the *Chronicle* alleged that Signor Giunta on arrival at Malta vehemently attacked the Italian Consul, who is secretary of the local Fascist organisation, because they did not wear black shirts when they boarded the steamer to receive him. The Consul tried to calm him, pointing out that the situation was delicate, but Giunta shouted, "You sheep! I want to hear no excuses. We must teach these English what Fascism is."

The Consul pointed out that they were on British territory and must be prudent, but Giunta angrily retorted, "Here we are in Italy, on the highway to the African empire, on the most Fascist highway Italy has!"—*Reuter.*

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The new pastel shades are more limpid and altogether clearer than they were a year or two ago. Water green, rose, corn, grey-green, and egg-shell blue, in pale shades, will be popular. For these the make-up is kept light, with an eye shadow to blend with the colour of the eyes.

## JUST FOUR TIMES AS SMART!



## OUR FACES.

## Make-Up Colour for the New Mode.

Beauty experts have drawn out a chart giving details of the make-up colours for the new mode. This was done by testing various blends of rouge and powder on six girls of different types who were all "draped" with lengths of material in each of the new colours.

One of these shades, banana beige, demands a certain amount of yellow in the make-up. But a point which puzzles many women is that an orange lipstick and paste rouge come out pink, with no hint of yellow, when they apply it to themselves. The reason is that they have a certain amount of acidity in their system, which turns the yellow pink. This can be counteracted a little by dusting a yellowish rouge powder over a foundation of paste rouge, and using a banana powder.

Every shade of blue, from deepest sapphire and royal blue, through corn-flower to sky blue, will be fashionable this spring. As every make-up, to be successful, should contain a hint of the colour worn nearest the face—unless that colour is already present in the natural shading of the complexion—blue frocks require lipstick and rouge of a bluish red. Eye shadow should be blue.

Reds are nearly as fashionable as blues. For make-up purposes they are divided into two classes—red with a yellowish tinge, and rose-red. All the former require a tinge of yellow in the make-up, with flame lipstick and bronze eye shadow, but the rose-red frock demands rich colouring to match.

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## Lovely New Shade.

Orchid rose is being used in Paris for evening gowns. It is a lovely colour, rather like cyclamen, and most becoming to people who are inclined to be sallow. Brunette

## TROPICAL HOSIERY.

## Colours Easily Visualised.

There is a tropical note about stockings for the spring, for the name of nearly every colour has its origin in the lands of the sun.

You may choose between Arab and Algiers, benskin, caravan, sandee, duskee, nomad, negrito, Brazil, or brunette. Or, not quite so new, there are prairie, mohawk, mulatto, or Romney.

They are so descriptive, these names that you may visualise the colours without actually seeing them. And they cover so wide a range that there will be no difficulty in obeying the injunctions of the famous dress designers to pick up the colours of each suit or frock in the stockings.

"Sandee" and "duskee" are definite colours, but they also describe the two groups of shades which will be fashionable this spring. All sandy shades, also known as French tan, are for wear with light frocks, while the darker or dusky colours should tone with coats and suits.

Where texture is concerned, there is as yet no rival to the popular fish-net stockings, which are still rolling well, but in a more openwork weave.

Crope stockings in a fine gauge are being made by British manufacturers and are becoming increasingly popular. The matt effect is obtained by a tight twist given to the thread before weaving.

Wearing this colour should choose a dark, rich rouge—blondes can wear with it a blushing rose make-up. For both, clear blue eye shadow is best.

Eye shadow should always be used to accentuate the colour of the eyes, but it must also harmonise with the colour of the frock. An effective trick is to apply eye shadow to harmonise with the frock over the lid, and then to take a very little of the colour of the eyes and apply just a spot over the pupil.

A hazel or green-eyed woman wearing blue would use bronze shadow with a spot of green in the centre of the eyelid.

## A BEAUTY HINT.

Cold water, cleansing cream, and a skin tonic are the three essentials for giving your skin a good cleaning in the morning.

First, give face and neck a swift wash with a cleansing cream, wiping it off neatly so that no smudges of cream show in the little depressions in the face such as those about the eyes and nostrils. After that splash the face freely with cold water cupped in the hands. Then cup the hands round the jawbone and snap each cheek upward fifteen or twenty times. Dry the face and apply the skin tonic.

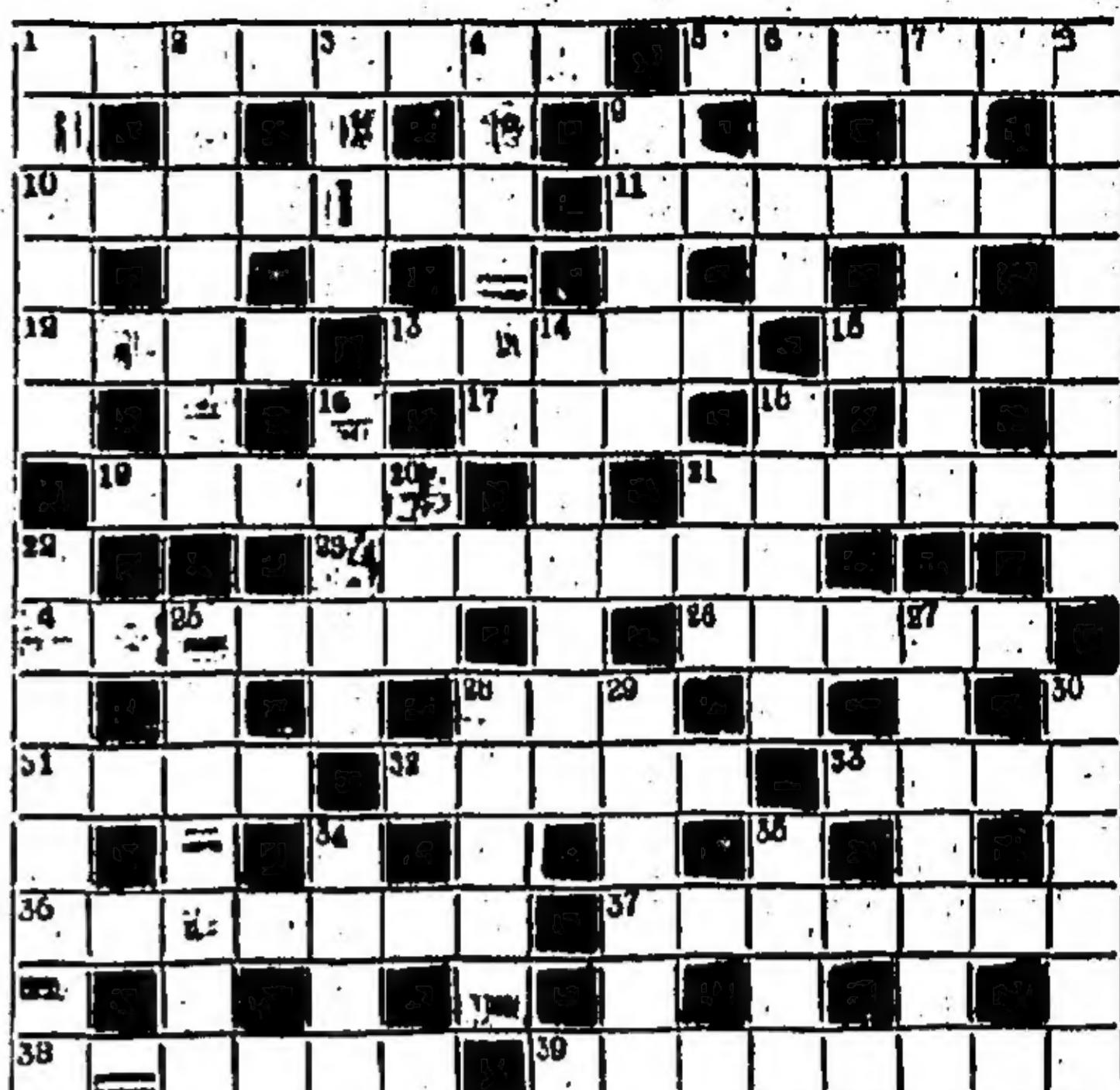
This should be applied on a wad of cotton-wool and the skin patted briskly with the cushions of the fingers until it is absolutely dry. This will leave the whole skin stimulated and glowing.

A word of warning—never press down on the face when patting in a tonic, or when applying any skin preparation. Much damage is done when the cheeks are being constantly dragged down, while constant upward pressure braces the muscles and prevents the face from sagging.

## Very Graceful.



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## Across

- So I met 'em, once (anag.).
- Hand-dresses with which the carpenter is familiar.
- Tooth.
- This may entertain you in a way in the Tower.
- Hero the team may be viewed in the way out.
- A noble and honourable musketeer.
- Called out for a Frenchman's gore.
- The money is not sent.
- Wenylly, the enamel, on the return journey, stops at intervals (hidden).
- Anagram of 5.
- As the insect doesn't leave the animal alone it becomes an object of terror.
- Well trounced: doubtless because he had used his tongue so much.
- Only three-quarters of a pair of braces, but enough to keep the dog under control.
- Have a go for this, just once.
- Don't quarrel! Put the weapons back and be comfortable.
- Employers have tricks of their own.
- A noble lady who is no ordinary clay, for she is made in another form.
- I come (after a short Press announcement) with a position for the great ones of the earth.
- This weapon provides material for Al ages.
- Anagram of 5.
- "mind, climb soonest" ("King Henry VI," Part 3).

Down

- Anagram of 6.
- A mere automaton.
- Hardy character of the last century.
- Anagram of 5.
- What Shakespearean character says: "We cannot all be masters"?

## Saturday's Solution.

MAIDENLY OFFISH  
EIN MÄRSEN  
LUSCIOUS SEXTET  
OBJECT REHELD  
NECESSARY LIMBO  
STICK OF FEAT  
AMBUSH NOTES  
MAGA NEECE  
TNOOG TUNNEL  
CIC ROKIT SE  
HOUR UNASHED  
LITTE LENON  
GIAOUI MIDNIGHT  
ATTEND CUE  
NEEDED DECLINED

## CRASH-PROOF PLANE.

## REMARKABLE INVENTION OF FRENCH AVIATOR.

Paris, Mar. 26.

Evading the attentions of the Police, who refused to allow him to demonstrate his invention, M. Albert Sauvant, a French Engineer who claims to have invented a crash-proof plane, gave a striking illustration of the possibilities of his machine yesterday, when he crashed 500 feet down a precipice and escaped unharmed.

The fuselage crashed down the mountain side and turned six somersaults, creating a deafening din, and landed with a terrible crash.

## Aviator Unhurt.

Onlookers gasped with amazement when they saw M. Sauvant emerge unscathed from the damaged fuselage. He afterwards demonstrated that the steel case crash-proof section of the fuselage was undamaged.

M. Sauvant now wants to be allowed to crash from a height of 3,000 feet. He has already experimented with model aeroplanes and crashed one from a height of 650 feet with a live lamb, and another from 750 feet with a basket of eggs. The lamb was unharmed and the eggs unbroken.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

## LESSON-SERMON.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG.

"Reality" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, yesterday.

The Golden Text was, "Since the beginning of the world, man have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him" (Isaiah 64: 4).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible, "Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4: 8).

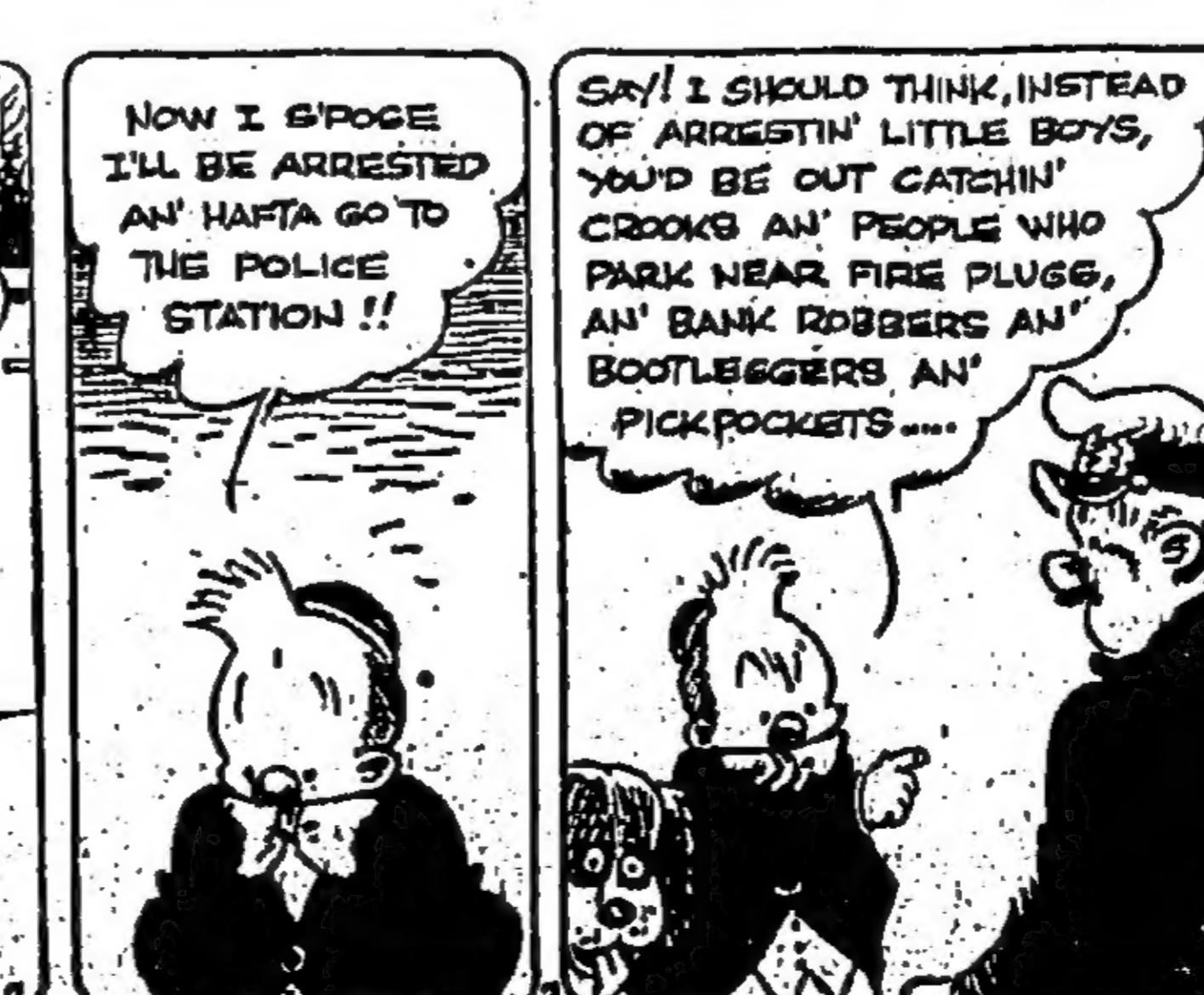
The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, "Life, Truth, and Love are the realities of divine Science. They dawn in faith and glow full-ordained in spiritual understanding. As a cloud hides the sun it cannot extinguish, so false belief silences for a while the voice of immutable harmony, but false belief cannot destroy Science armed with faith, hope, and fruition. (P. 298).

## By Blosset.

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



## The Gift of Gab!

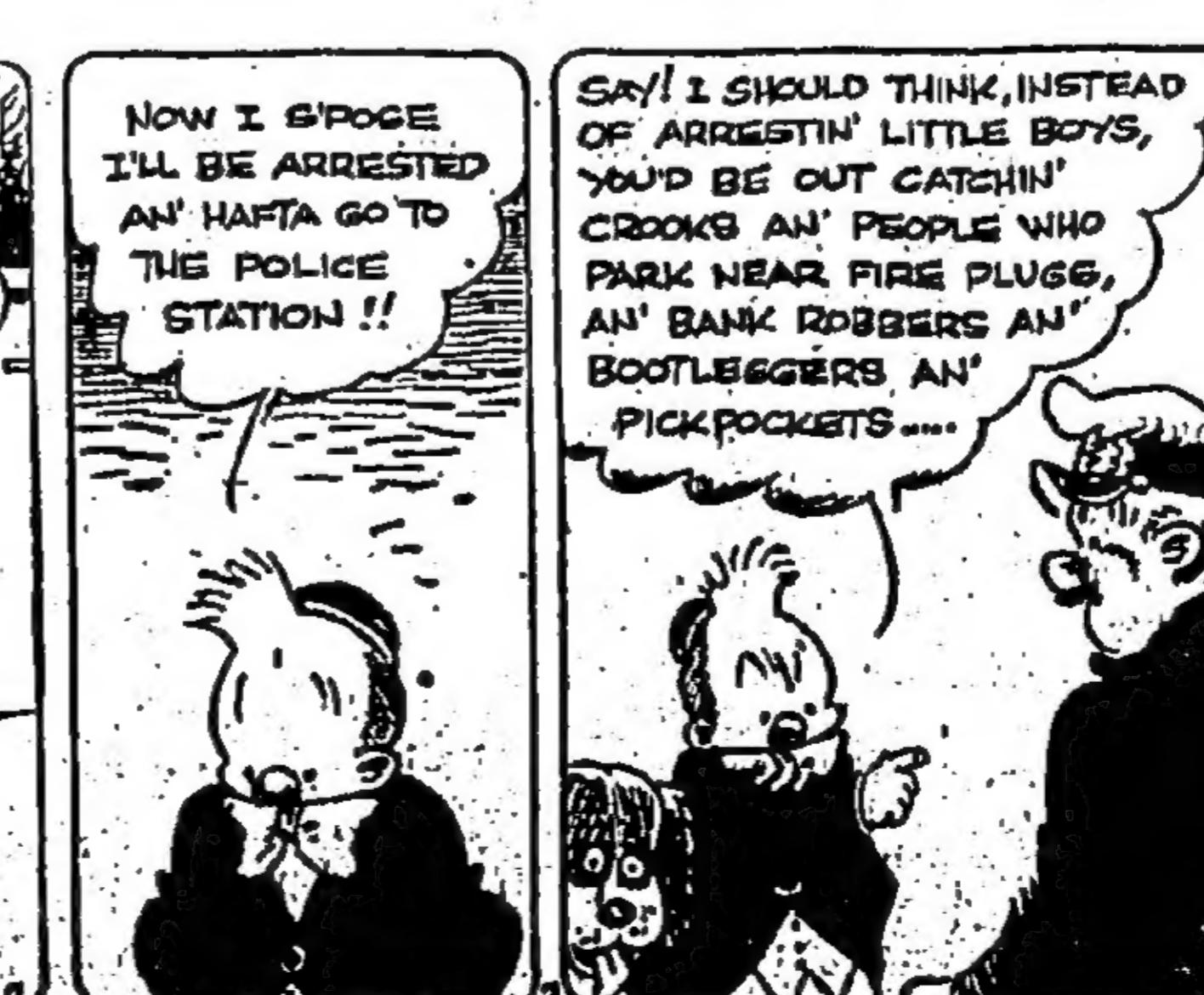
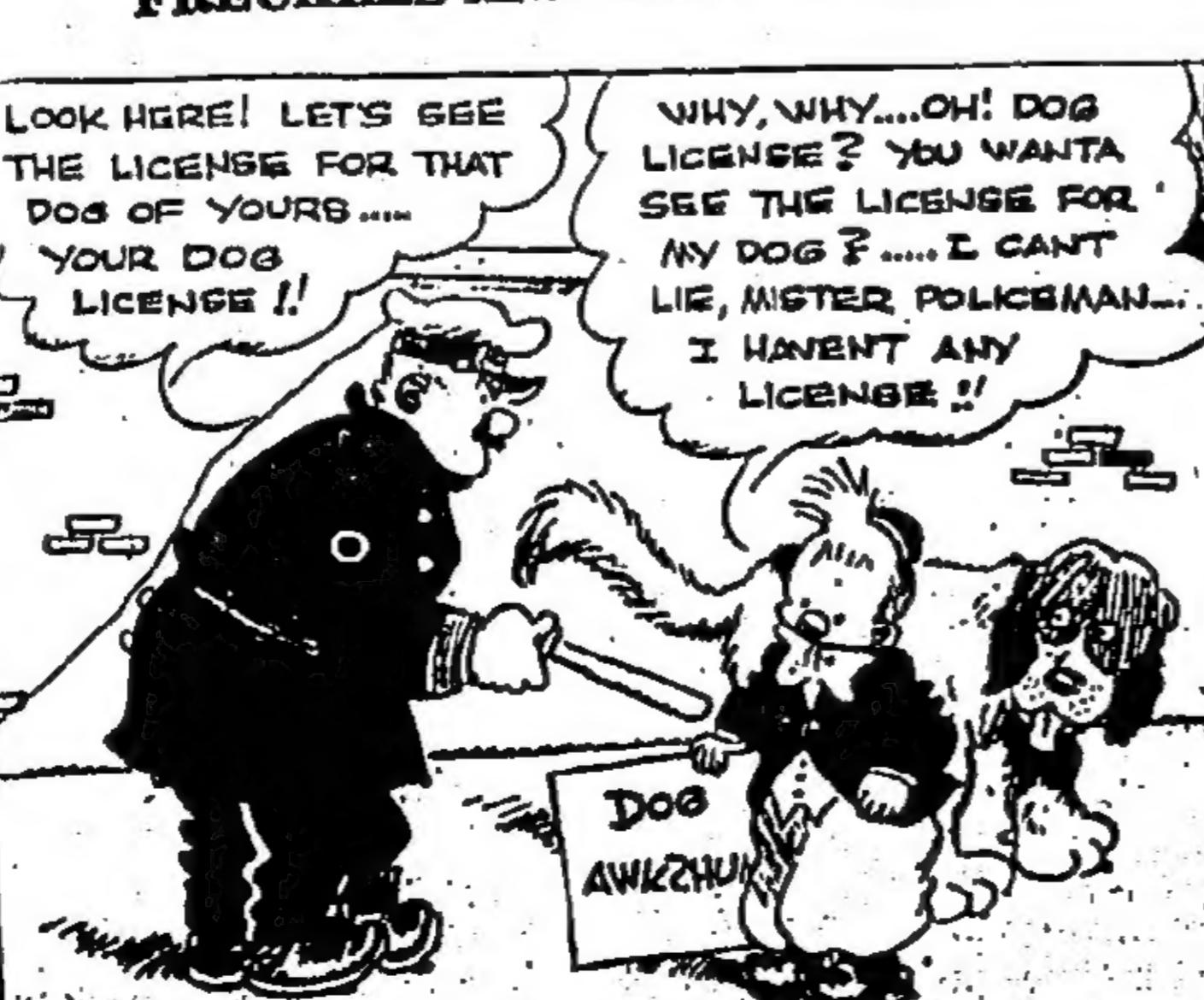


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## THE WILL TO PEACE.

"A great task but also a great opportunity" is the way in which H.M. the King recently described present efforts to achieve international disarmament. At a time when the whole world is struggling in face of enormous economic, political and financial difficulties, the opponents of the new world order, of which the League of Nations is both the symbol and the instrument, have mobilised their forces and come out into the open with their hostility. The League has been accused on account of its trifling expense, while the reluctance of the individual Governments to use its machinery to stop the conflict in the Far East has given the critics further ammunition to fire at Geneva. The British Empire, they have urged, should turn its back on Europe and work out its own salvation. No reasonable statesman, it is significant to note, has taken part in this campaign. Perhaps the King's words will make those who have listened to specious arguments think twice. "While every nation . . . must work out its own restoration to prosperity," declares His Majesty: "this duty need not conflict with obligations towards fellow members of the community of nations." And again, "the well-being of the world and the well-being of our own country depend on the same causes and are inseparable."

At the moment, the Disarmament Conference delegates are enjoying a brief respite from their labours, but all the Great Powers have already laid their proposals on the table. Three of them, Great Britain, the United States and Italy, are in substantial agreement on several important points, including the abolition of submarines and heavy guns. Italy goes farther in wanting the abolition also of tanks, of battleships and battle cruisers, of naval aircraft carriers and of bombing aeroplanes. The U.S.A. would put restrictions on tanks, Great Britain and Japan favour a reduction in the size of capital ships. Japan also proposes the abolition of aerial bombardment. Great Britain stands alone in demanding what, of course, has not a ghost of a chance of being carried—the limitation of conscription. Everyone, France not excepted, proposes the abolition of gas and bacteriological warfare. It would seem to the plain man that something ought to emerge from all this, and we hope that something will. On paper,

at least there is a large measure of agreement, except for France and one or two of her satellites. If the French can be persuaded to put the horse before the cart (and if Japan can be restrained from upsetting both horse and cart), the Conference may yet confound the pessimists.

There can be no doubt that the League of Nations is passing through the most critical period in its history. A big failure at this stage would wash out all memory of its many and conspicuous successes during the past twelve years. Altogether it would be surprising if such a new experiment as the League were perfect. One essential feature of success, in any problem confronting the League, must be a willingness among the 55 countries forming the League to use its machinery for the benefit of the community of nations. Recently a rerudiment of selfish nationalism, at the same time the cause and the consequence of the world-wide depression, has led to the statesmen neglecting the principles on which the League is founded. In spite of temporary setbacks, however, it is certain that the League ideals are still the only hope of our modern civilisation from international anarchy and probably chaos. "Nothing is more essential," said the King on a former occasion, "than a strong and enduring League of Nations." Recent events show the need for further support on the part of public opinion, since the League has obviously not yet become firmly entrenched in the hearts and minds of men.

THE report that the police have effected an arrest in the Happy Valley murder case turns out to be incorrect. Several people have been questioned in connexion with the outrage, but so far none has been detained.

MR. BALDWIN AND  
CIDER.

AN INVITATION TO  
LORD IRWIN.

"The veneration of the countryside, which is the parent of most of the things that are best in England and English life"—a phrase used by Lord Irwin—exemplified the spirit of the Worcestershire Association dinner in London.

Mr. Baldwin, who presided, had on other side of him Lord Irwin, who is a Yorkshireman, and Viscount Ednam, who is a well-known Worcester man. Mr. Justice McCardie, a Warwickshire man, sat between Lady Leigh, wife of Lord Leigh, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, and Mrs. Baldwin.

There were ringing cheers when a waiter marched solemnly up to the top table carrying a gigantic pipe fashioned in ice. No one laughed more than Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. W. Lionel Moore, a Worcestershire farmer, proposed the toast of "Our President" and told one or two homely stories about Mr. Baldwin. One of them was:

"On a certain Christmas holiday when Mr. Baldwin was first Minister of the Crown, he was spending it at Astley, and he rose on Boxing Day morning with very good resolutions. He planned a walk from Astley to Malvern, a distance of some fifteen or twenty miles. He set off after breakfast with a very reluctant party, and after they had been going for an hour or two their feet faltered outside the doors of a well-known country hotel. A hasty conference was held and the then Prime Minister of Great Britain led a wholly unanimous party into the 'Aye' lobby." (Laughter).

Mr. Moore, with the company still rocking with laughter, said that he was delighted to report on the improvement in the habits of Cabinet Ministers.

"Whereas," he said, "Pitt was typical of the two-bottle age, the great statesman we have in the Chair to-night represents typically the one-pint period." (Laughter).

Mrs. Baldwin's Comment.

Mr. Baldwin, in reply, said that he would never be satisfied until he had brought Lord Irwin to Worcester and they had drunk a quart of cider with Mr. Lionel Moore.

"Pint," interpolated Mrs. Baldwin. (Laughter).

"Quart," replied Mr. Baldwin, turning round to his wife. "I know the difference between the two." (Renewed laughter).

"I once asked a farmer in Worcester what he wanted for his hogs," proceeded Mr. Baldwin. "He said, 'Protection, and I want the foreign hogs kept out!'"

Mr. Baldwin added: "I said to him, 'What do you mean by foreign?' He said, 'Hereford.' (Laughter).

Mr. Baldwin told a story of a Worcester farmer friend of his who, when finding some Post Office men putting up telegraph poles in his field, was given a sheet of printed instructions by them. The old farmer turned a bull into the field, and as the Post Office men

## DAY BY DAY

POLITICAL REPUTATIONS ARE MADE BY SAYING WHAT YOU THINK, AND THEY ARE KEPT BY SAYING WHAT YOU DON'T THINK.—John Oliver Hobbes.

The Empress of Canada is due here from Yokohama on April 1st 9 a.m.

Lieut. Commr. G. N. Rawlings has been appointed to Marazion and to Bruce on transfer.

The many friends of Mrs. Harry Woods will be pleased to hear that she is recovering rapidly from an operation performed on her head at the Victoria Hospital.

Inspector F.E.E. Booker of the Hongkong Police Force returned to the Colony yesterday from Weihaiwei where he enlisted a batch of Shantung recruits for the Force.

Suffering from a wound to her head caused by a piece of wood falling from the first floor of a new house in Great George Street, Chau Sin (62) of 18, Russell Street was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

A brick maker of the Wing Chong building contractor's matched, of Fa Yuen Street, was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to his right hand caused whilst working on a brick machine.

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Amongst the passengers who left the P. and O. s.s. Rajputana were Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mr. T.F. Claxton, Mr. A.H. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Groundwater, Mr. and Mrs. W. Heddle, Rev. Bro. James, Mrs. E. J.R. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. F. Maitland, Major D.H. Somerville, and Mrs. Whyte-Smith.

Our Wuchow correspondent states that the paper money issued by the Kwangsi Provincial Government several months ago is greatly in evidence in the business houses and the banking establishments of Wuchow. In fact, it is preferred by the merchants because the exchange rate of the paper currency is higher than the rate of river specie.

With reference to a report that the management of the Canton-Kowloon Railway proposes to speed up the present through express trains on the line, it is understood, says the Canton Gazette, that Mr. Chan Kwan-pok, managing director of the Railway, has called a meeting of the engineering staff to discuss definite measures for the realization of the project. A saving of 20 minutes is found to be possible in the running time, and if no unforeseen obstacle arises, it will be possible to run a train between Canton and Kowloon in 2 hours and 58 minutes beginning with the 1st of May next.

rushed out he said to them, "Have you shown the bull your instructions?"

"The surface of the country may change," Mr. Baldwin said, "the bungalows may come along and the new roads and the charabandas may pour their contents into the remotest parts of our region but the soul of the countryside will live yet. If it perishes there will perish with it nine-tenths of what has made this country great."

How many employers are going to choose an argumentative, arrogant idler for promotion? Yet the potential leader is ten to one impatient and bored with the dull routines of the underling.

The very qualities which make great leaders are a handicap to subordinates. Imagination, enterprise, unorthodoxy, of what use are these to a clerk compared with humdrum honesty and competency?

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The Czech doctor sat in his rather too modern consulting-room (steel furniture as a protest against the barbarism in that that remote finger of Czechoslovakia, pinched between Poland, Rumania, and Hungary).

I had apologised for my poor German—and my non-existent Czech, Ruthenian, Polish, Rumanian, Hungarian, and Yiddish. These languages are familiar to the doctor, the grocer across the road, and a great many other people in Mukacevo.

The doctor smiled politely: "but the English can be good linguists—if they like." There are a few languages in India, are there not? I have heard that there are Englishmen who can speak some of them."

He spoke without irony, and with the placid serenity of his race. I felt that I had been mildly reproved. It was excuse, you know."

Stopped off at Lisbon on the way home. First time I've ever been abroad, so to speak. I mean I don't call Nigeria abroad. Felt a bit out of it, not being able to speak the language. Never was much good at foreign tongues. Usual school French, of course, but . . .

I looked at him with a new interest. He was rather a lumpy schoolboy as I remembered him last; pleasantly frank, but with no noticeable mental glow. Now, a very Assistant Commissioner, after three years in the neighbourhood of Lake Chad he had filled out physically and mentally. The sign "administrator" was just beginning to be discernible upon his brow.

"Then what," I asked, "do you speak in Nigeria?"

"Hausa, but that's different. Amusing language to learn; wonderful range of expression you can get out of it. Vocabulary of about ten thousand. Some words rather like Welsh."

"Yes, I remembered a snatch or two from a Snowdon holiday, and it struck me that a few of the Hausa words had a familiar ring. Had a Welsh grammar sent out and started comparing, but for fun. I'm learning one of the Bantu dialects, too. Don't have to, of course, but you never know."

"Never was much good at foreign tongues . . . No, perhaps (Continued on Page 7.)

## INFLUENCE IN BUSINESS.

## Geniuses, Bluffers, Pushers, and Plodders.

"YOUNG MAN," writing the other day, voiced a point of view which has been stale since the Assyrian Empire. "Influence," "Favouritism," "Populism" have been the cries of the less fortunate since the first civilisation. And of course, superciliously, their case is unanswerable.

The world is a very unfair place, where virtue is usually unrewarded and birth, "bounce," and money monopolise the prizes. From the individual's point of view, then, "Young Man" is undoubtedly right. It is when he assumes that such a state of affairs is necessarily inefficient that he is on shaky ground.

His statement is founded on two fallacies; the first that good subordinates make good commanders, the second that superiors can distinguish between real virtue and "push," "bounce," and flattery among their inferiors. They are convinced they can distinguish, but we have only to look on the successful self-made men, whether of commerce or politics, to see that they are very far from being an ideal type, however selected.

Of men at the head of affairs in all walks of life, politics, business, the services, and the professions, some are there through "bounce" and some through influence. Would anyone seriously contend that the former are of more value to their country than the latter?

## Selection in the Services

In the fighting services the principles of selection by merit are more nearly adhered to than in civilian life, but would anyone suggest that there is anything like the brilliance and personality in the senior ranks as when Nelson, Wellington, or Marlborough led?

The late war, with its endless slaughter and futile waste, was the crowning condemnation of a system of promotion by merit. Its commanders were all good subordinates. Genius, real leadership, is killed by such a system.

Under present conditions it is most unlikely that the man who is going to make a great success at the top will ever be picked out for conspicuous ability at the bottom. Only the grossest favouritism could have brought Nelson, an eccentric disobedient weakling, to high command; the corrupt, blunder-loving Marlborough would have been cashiered as a subaltern.

As Britain rose irresistibly to be the greatest Power in the world, her military and political leaders reached their positions by birth. Her commerce was built by sons succeeding fathers, trained from the beginning to the leadership. If Britons no longer lead the world; if, as "Young Man" suggests, we are losing our grip, it may well be that our business and our politics are in the hands of pushful bluffers on the one hand and uninspired plodders on the other.

The very qualities which make great leaders are a handicap to subordinates. Imagination, enterprise, unorthodoxy, of what use are these to a clerk compared with humdrum honesty and competency?

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**CRICKET LEAGUE.**

CRAIGENGOWER WIN AGAINST R.A.S.C.

Now that the championship in the First Division of the Cricket League has been decided, keenness in the game is centered in the Second Division, where the Indians and the Kowloon C. C. are in close rivalry. Next Saturday will see a decision reached in this game and then the season will be virtually at an end. The concluding matches will be the Champions against the Rest of the League, which two games are scheduled to be played on April 9.

On Saturday, there was only one League match played, and that in the Second Division, the Craigenhower C. C. defeating the Royal Army Service Corps. The two-day fixture between the Kowloon Seniors and the Hongkong Club was broken and at the close of play, the Club were in decidedly the better position. The Kowloon Juniors entertained the Club Seconds and were comfortably.

Playing at Happy Valley, the Craigenhower team, bundled out the military men for only 66 runs, Whitley held on only 15 runs to face the bowling of Way (6 for 39) with any confidence, and remaining unbroken with 32 runs. The home team won a total of 116 runs, Barry getting 46 and Broadbridge 28 runs. Whitley followed up his good runs by taking five wickets for 29 runs. Scores:

R.A.S.C.

Plumb, b Sourborth	0
Gray, c Souza, b Way	4
Keene, run out	32
Whitley, not out	0
Reynolds, b Way	0
Barlow, b Way	0
Lazenby, b Way	0
Funnel, c & b Way	3
Buckland, run out	0
Castelow, c McBride, b Lee	0
Extra (BD)	1

Total ..... 65  
Falls of Wicket(s) 1 for 4, 2 for 1, 3 for 16, 4 for 23, 5 for 23, 6 for 23, 7 for 43, 8 for 54, 9 for 55.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Way ..... 7 0 39 1	
Whitley ..... 5 1 15 1	
Sourborth ..... 2 2 0	
Lee ..... 0	

C.C.C.

W. Reed, c Buckland, b Whitley	10
E. Souza, c Sub. (Hunt), b Gray	13
E. W. Leonard, c Funnel, b J. Whitley	13
R. Lee, c & b Whitley	13
E. Sourborth, c Castelow, b Gray	13
W. K. Way, c Buckland, b Gray	13
A. A. Lewis, b Whitley	13
E. G. Barry, b Pamplin, .....	13
F. Broadbridge, b Lazenby	13
J. Hunt, c Buckland, b Whitley	13
W. K. McBride, not out	0
Extra (BD) ..... 4	1

Total ..... 110  
Falls of Wicket(s) 1 for 23, 2 for 33, 3 for 33, 4 for 33, 5 for 33, 6 for 35, 7 for 35, 8 for 40, 9 for 96, 10 for 110.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Whitley ..... 11 3 20 2	
Gray ..... 10 0 41 3	
Reynolds ..... 5 1 13 1	
Barlow ..... 2 0 5 0	
Lazenby ..... 0 0 0 1	
Pamplin ..... 0 0 0 1	

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Hongkong Club in Strong Position.

The Hongkong Cricket Club put up the total of 277 runs against the Kowloon attack in their two-day fixture which began on Saturday in the Hongkong Grounds. Sayer and Mitchell both took full toll of the bowling, the former getting 89 runs and the latter 52 runs. The scoring was very consistent.

Kowloon, at the close of play, had six wickets down for 130 runs, E. F. Fincher was run out when he had collected 44 runs, and Mackay got 26. Beck was responsible for the damage, taking 4 wickets for 27 runs. Scores:

Hongkong C.C.

E. R. Duckett, b Burnett	1
J. Richardson, b Burnett	1
L. T. Ride, b Madar	11
G. R. Sayer, b Lyal	10
A. C. Hamilton, c & Madar	10
R. H. Griffiths, b. w. b. Lyal	0
H. Owen Hughes, c Madar, b Goodwin	17
E. J. R. Mitchell not out	52
A. C. Beck, b Goodwin	16
A. Reid, st. Hunter, b Lyal	16
D. McLellan, st. Hunter, b Lyal	11
Extras (BD) ..... 13	13

Total ..... 277  
Fall of the wicket(s) 1 for 5, 2 for 37, 3 for 70, 4 for 84, 5 for 87, 6 for 124, 7 for 172, 8 for 221, 9 for 254.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Burnett ..... 22 4 74 2	
Lyal ..... 20 5 86 4	
Madar ..... 13 1 52 2	
Goodwin ..... 8 0 35 2	
Smith ..... 4 0 17 0	

Kowloon C.C.

E. C. Fincher, b. w. b. Beck	18
N. A. E. Mackay, c Owen Hughes, b McLellan	20
E. F. Fincher, run out	44
P. Madar, c Held, b Beck	18
F. S. W. Smith, c Richardson, b Beck	0
J. C. Lyal not out	12
F. Goodwin, c & b Beck	10
G. C. Burnett not out	18
Extras (BD) ..... 133	133

Total (for 6 wickets) ..... 183

Fall of the wicket(s) 1 for 23, 2 for 37, 3 for 102, 4 for 102, 5 for 120, 6 for 120.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Beck ..... 15 2 37 4	
Owen Hughes ..... 8 0 19 0	

**HOME FOOTBALL.**

TWO MEN CARRIED OFF FIELD.

London, Mar. 28.

Alex. James, the inside left of the Arsenal, R. Dix (of Bristol Rovers) and S. Cowan, the centre half of Manchester City, were all carried off the field on Saturday when they received severe injuries during the League matches which were played in England during the Easter programme.

James was playing inside left for the Arsenal against West Ham at Upton Park and, during the game, received a kick on his knee which paralysed a nerve. He collapsed on the field and was carried off in an unconscious condition. The injury, fortunately, is not of a serious nature but James will not be able to play for a short while. The match was left drawn, each side scoring once.

During the match at Cleethorpes between Grimsby Town and Manchester City, S. Cowan who was playing in the pivotal position for the visiting side, was injured and had to be carried off the field.

R. Dix, of Bristol Rovers, received a nasty injury to his head in the match against Luton (of Rovers' Ground in the Southern Section of the Third Division), the hosts winning by three goals to one. *Our Own Correspondent.*

Wolves maintained their lead at the top of the Second Division and are now one point ahead of Leeds.

In the game between Sheffield United and Bolton at Burnden Park, J. Milner of Bolton performed the "hat-trick," the hosts winning by three goals to one. *Our Own Correspondent.*

**FIRST DIVISION.**

Aston Villa	2
Bolton	0
Chelsea	0
Grimbsy	0
Huddersfield	1
Leicester	1
Liverpool	1
Middlesbrough	0
Newcastle	2
Wednesday	0
West Ham	1

**SECOND DIVISION.**

Braford	2
Burnley	1
Castelow	0
Charlton	1
Sheffield	1
Winton	0
Port Vale	1
Leeds	0
Southampton	3
Stoke	2
Tottenham	0
Wolves	0

**THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).**

Bournemouth	1
Brighton	1
Bristol R.	0
Clapton O.	1
Crystal Pal.	1
Derby	0
Fulham	1
Guildford	1
Harrow	1
Leeds	0
Millwall	1
Notts Forest	1
Preston N. E.	1
Southampton	1
Stoke	0
Tottenham	0
Wolves	0

**THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).**

Accrington	4
Carlisle	2
Cleve	3
Derby	1
Dundee	0
Hochdale	1
Southport	1
Stockport	1
Tranmere	1
Wrexham	1
York	0

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Airdrie	2
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## AMERICA'S BUDGET.

## COUNTRY FACED WITH A HUGE DEFICIT.

Washington, Mar. 20. Doubts as to whether the United States Budget can be balanced; whether the credit of the Government can be saved; and whether the United States can continue to maintain the gold standard are troubling all thoughtful persons.

The gravity of the financial crisis is borne out by a breakdown in the Far & machine controlling the Federal Legislature, over the taxation necessary to meet the Budget deficit of \$1,241,000,000, which resulted in the rejection of the Sales Tax Bill.

The necessity of balancing the Budget is insufficiently realised by politicians who are urging the creation of more debt in addition to moderate taxation.

Eight million unemployed and gigantic Federal, State and Municipal deficits have brought home to Americans that the United States is going through the deepest depression, but many are inclined to listen to those preaching inflation as the sovereign remedy.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## A RECORD BEATEN.

## LONG DISTANCE FLIGHT IN CLOSED CIRCUIT.

Oran, Mar. 27. The French airmen, Bousquet and Rousi made new world's record for long distance in a closed circuit when they flew 76 hours in

## RECLUSE'S FORTUNE.

## STIFF FIGHT PROMISED OVER BEQUEST.

Berlin, Mar. 27.

A stiff legal encounter is promised before the Chinese authorities secure the fortune bequeathed by an old German named Heinrich Basse.

The news of the bequest reached the ears of two of the deceased recluse's relatives living in Bonn and Breslau, who lodged a counter claim, arguing that for a European to leave money to China and for a millionaire to leave it for work against imperialism proved mental instability.—*Reuter's.*

On the 16th inst. the *Morning Post's* correspondent at Rome reported that representatives of the Chinese Republic at Rome had gone to Breslau to take possession of a fortune estimated at \$500,000, bequeathed by an old German named Heinrich Basse to China "to be used in the struggle against Europeans." Herr Basse died in apparent poverty, but a steel box was found in his room containing title-deeds, bank-books, a letter of good wishes from the ex-Kaiser on the occasion of his eightieth birthday last year and a signed photograph, the will and a document showing that Herr Basse served in the Prussian Guard. It was suggested that the fortune represented special Service funds of the late German Imperial authorities.]

## OBITUARY.

## GRAND OLD MAN OF THE MOTOR INDUSTRY.

Detroit, Mar. 27.

The death is announced of Mr. Henry Martyn Leland, the "Grand Old Man" of the Motor Industry.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Henry Martyn Leland died at the ripe old age of 89 years, born in Danville, in the State of Vermont, February 16, 1843, he was educated in the public schools. In early life he developed a liking for mechanics using the basement of his home as a workshop. Passing out of school he learned the machinist's trade at Worcester, Mass., and his first definite job was that of tool-maker in the United States Amoury at Springfield, Mass., from 1862 to 1865.

He then entered the employ of Messrs. Brown and Sharp of Providence, R.I., remaining with that firm for 20 years and becoming the superintendent of the sewing machine department. In 1890 he moved to Detroit and went into business as a manufacturer of specialised machinery, organising the Leland and Faulconer Manufacturing Company of which he was the manager until the firm was merged into the Cadillac Motor Company, of which he was the founder in 1904 and General Manager until 1909, after which he became President and advisory manager. He also founded the Lincoln Motor Company. In politics Mr. Leland was a Republican and founder of the Detroit Citizens' League.

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London, Mar. 27.

The death is announced of Sir Horace Plunkett.—*Reuter's Special Services.*

Horace Curzon Plunkett, third son of the 16th Baron Dunsany, was born in Oct. 1854 and studied at Eton and Oxford. From 1879 to 1889 he was ranching in Montana where he not only amassed a considerable fortune, but gained valuable experience. On his return to Ireland he tried to bring together men of all parties in order to make the country more prosperous. In 1894 he started the Irish Agriculture Organisation Society which did splendid work by introducing co-operation among farmers and showing them the benefits of better methods. In 1892 he had entered Parliament as a Unionist and in 1895 he got together a committee to promote economic reforms. Its report, prepared by Plunkett, gave details of the systems of state aid to agriculture and technical instruction in foreign countries. This report and the growing influence of Plunkett led to the passing in 1895 of an act establishing a Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Ireland, of which the Chief Secretary was president ex-officio. Plunkett was vice-president, a position which gave him control of the department. He lost his seat in 1900, but was allowed to retain his post. In 1903 he was knighted (K.C.V.O.). When the Liberal régime began in 1906, Plunkett was asked to continue his work, but as a Unionist and a man who had set forth some unpleasant truths in his book "Ireland in the New Century" he had provoked the resentment of the Nationalist who tried to drive out of office a man who had done more than anyone to benefit the Irish people. The Government let him go and he retired in 1907. In Feb. 1914 when suggestions for an Irish settlement were ripe Plunkett proposed that Ulster should accept the Home Rule Bill, but should have the right to secede after a term of years. A few

months later he issued a pamphlet "The Better Way: An Appeal to Ulster not to desert Ireland," in which he announced his conversion to Home Rule. In 1917 after the Irish rebellion, during which he had a narrow escape, he took the lead in an attempt to solve the problem. When Lloyd George set up the Convention, the first meeting unanimously elected Plunkett chairman. He worked hard for a settlement, but the absence of Sinn Fein from the gathering, the impossibility of reconciling the views of the Ulstermen and the Southern Unionists and the occurrence of a number of tragic events in Ireland prevented the Convention from arriving at any result. He was a strong advocate of Dominion Home Rule. In 1922-3 he was a Senator of the Irish Free State, but in the latter year his home was destroyed by revolutionaries and he went to live in England. In Jan. 1920, he

was erroneously reported dead and was able to read his own obituary notices.



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TAKADA	7,000	8th Apr.	Amoy, Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka

CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	Sh'hai, Kobe & Yoko
SIRDHANA	8,000	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yoko

BANGALORE	6,500	23rd Apr.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANCHI	17,000	5th May.	Sh'hai, Kobe & Yoko

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### AUSTRALIAN IN COURT.

#### CHARGED WITH ARMS POSSESSION.

Described as a native of Blinda village, New South Wales, Australia, J. A. Pagett, aged 31, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of being in possession of an automatic pistol and seven rounds of ammunition in Johnston Road, Wan Chai, yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy, who prosecuted, applied for 24 hours remand and asked that bail be made rather substantial. He suggested \$2,500.

The defendant said he was a stranger to the Colony, having no friends whatever in Hongkong, and it was impossible for him to find bail. He had been working in Manilla and had come to Hongkong with only \$24 in his possession. He thought he would do the best he could for himself and tried to sell the revolver in order to raise money as he desired to go to Canton. He did not know the laws of Hongkong and was unaware that he was violating them in trying to sell the weapon.

His Worship remarked that, in that case it was of no use offering the defendant bail, but he would have to fix the sum at \$2,500 as applied for by the police.

The defendant was accordingly remanded until to-morrow.

### MR. DRINAN'S SIGNATURES.

#### TEN ALLEGED FORGERIES.

The extradition warrant issued by the British Government against Mr. Charles James Beale, the former British Vice-Consul at Nice, was brought before the court of appeal at Aix.

The warrant was issued in connexion with charges under the British Forgery Act. Mr. Beale, it is alleged, made fraudulent use of official documents and stamps in connexion with the supposed transfer of stock from the late Mr. Drinan, a rich recluse, to the late Mr. J. H. Haila.

M. Kahn, the Public Prosecutor, read a statement by Mr. Gerald F. Gurrin, a handwriting expert, of Holborn Viaduct, London, in which Mr. Gurrin declared that he had examined eleven documents purporting to bear Mr. Drinan's signature. In his opinion, all save one of the signatures were false.

Miss Dora Drinan, daughter of the late Mr. Drinan, declares that the signatures are authentic.

Mr. Beale's counsel emphasised his excellent reputation, and while admitting that he had possibly committed a professional error, argued that there was not sufficient evidence to justify extradition.

### TO-DAY'S RACING PROSPECTS.

#### GOOD SPORT LIKELY AT VALLEY.

(By "Ringtail").

There should be a large crowd at the Valley this afternoon when the Eastern Meeting concludes. Excellent sport is likely, with the course still very fast. My selections are as follows:

1st Race.  
Hatman.  
Sitting Bull.  
Coronation Eve.  
2nd Race.  
Canny.  
But After That.  
Choy Pak.  
3rd Race.  
Gold Key.  
The Tiger.  
Imperial Hall.  
4th Race.  
Mistletoe.  
Jupiter.  
Pocahontas.  
5th Race.  
Until Then.  
Chiu Quan.  
The Rainstorm.  
6th Race.  
Glengables.  
King's Bounty.  
Boxing Eve.  
7th Race.  
Philanderer.  
Ghost Train.  
Fighting Blood.  
8th Race.  
Woodland Stuck.  
Polar Star.  
Sequoia Ticket.  
9th Race.  
King's Justice.  
Princess Justice.  
Dew.  
10th Race.  
Deveron.  
Pawhatten.  
Navy Hall.  
11th Race.  
Don.  
Indiana.  
Chivalrous.

### 1,185 HYMNS TO GO.

#### SECRET DECISION OF METHODISTS.

The greatest secrecy is being observed respecting the 1,000 hymns chosen for the new Methodist Hymn Book, which will be submitted for approval by the next meetings of the three Methodist Conferences.

It is known, however, that the Hymn Book Committee which had to consider the claims for over 2,000 different hymns in the four present Methodist Hymnals rejected the remainder and accepted finally about two-thirds.

Every member of the committee is bound in honour to maintain secrecy concerning the old-fashioned hymns which have been excluded, and the modern ones that take their place.

Some of the less popular of Charles Wesley's many hymns have been omitted.

A member of the Hymn Book Committee states:

"Many Methodists are afraid that the old Methodist hymns will be displaced and that a new theological balance is to be introduced. Methodists are peculiarly sensitive on these points."

"The Committee sought to retain as many favourites of former days as possible and not to disturb the old Methodist standards, while enriching the Hymn Book with the hymns in use by other churches."

The Committee has examined over 50 hymn books in use by other churches, and chosen from them about 150 hymns.

As far as possible the new Hymn Book will be limited to 1,000 hymns.

The final draft will be completed after Easter.

### COLLEGE BARGE FIRE.

#### DISASTER ON EVE OF OXFORD TORPIDS.

First completely destroyed a timber yard in Austin Road, near Canton Road on Saturday morning. The alarm was received just before noon and it was not until about two hours later that the Kowloon Brigade was able to return to the Station after successfully extinguishing the flames.

As a result of being struck by a piece of rock during blasting operations at the Government Quarry at Takkotau yesterday afternoon, a stone breaker, Chan Cheung, aged 26, of Kip Shek Mei, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, where he died at 6.50 this morning.

A distinctly brighter film than "Half Shot at Sundae," the new Wheeler-Woolsey production at the Queen's kept audiences in raptures of laughter during yesterday's performances. The inimitable pair are engaged in a tussle with rival gangsters and emerge, of course, with flying colours, after many amusing adventures.

On the eve of the Torpids, University College had the misfortune to have its barge put out of action by a fire. The interior of the barge was almost destroyed and a great deal of the contents, such as oars, boats, and rowing clothes, was damaged, some beyond repair. The bow of the Oxford boat which boat Cambridge in 1901 was injured.

Owing to the fact that all the windows were closed the fire was confined to the interior and was unable, therefore, to spread to other College barges moored in the immediate vicinity. The Oxford Volunteer Fire Brigade was prompt to arrive and pumped in so much water that the barge's stern sank. Operations to raise the stern were begun at once.

The extent of the damage is estimated at £500. The cost of the barge, when it was built in 1878, was £2,000. So far the cause of the outbreak is not known.

SHOWING TO-DAY  
At 2.30, 5.10,  
7.15 & 9.30 p.m.

## KING'S

BOOKING  
AT THE  
THEATRE  
TEL. 25313.

### LOVE AND MYSTERY

What was his strange power—this magician with compelling eyes and soft voice? Out of a misty past he led her—to happiness or to terror?

## THE SPIDER



Edmund LOWE Lois MORAN  
EL BRENDEN GEORGE STONE

### Next Change

#### The Intimate Story Her Diary Told!



Makes this glamor-  
ous story of college  
life and loves!

#### CONFESIONS OF A CO-ED

A Paramount Picture

with

Sylvia Sidney

Phillips Holmes

Norman Foster

## QUEENS

SHOWING TO-DAY at 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.30

### WHEELER WOOLSEY

STARS OF 'THE CUCKOO'S  
AND 'HALF SHOT' RIDE  
SWIRLING TORNADO OF  
LAUGHS IN

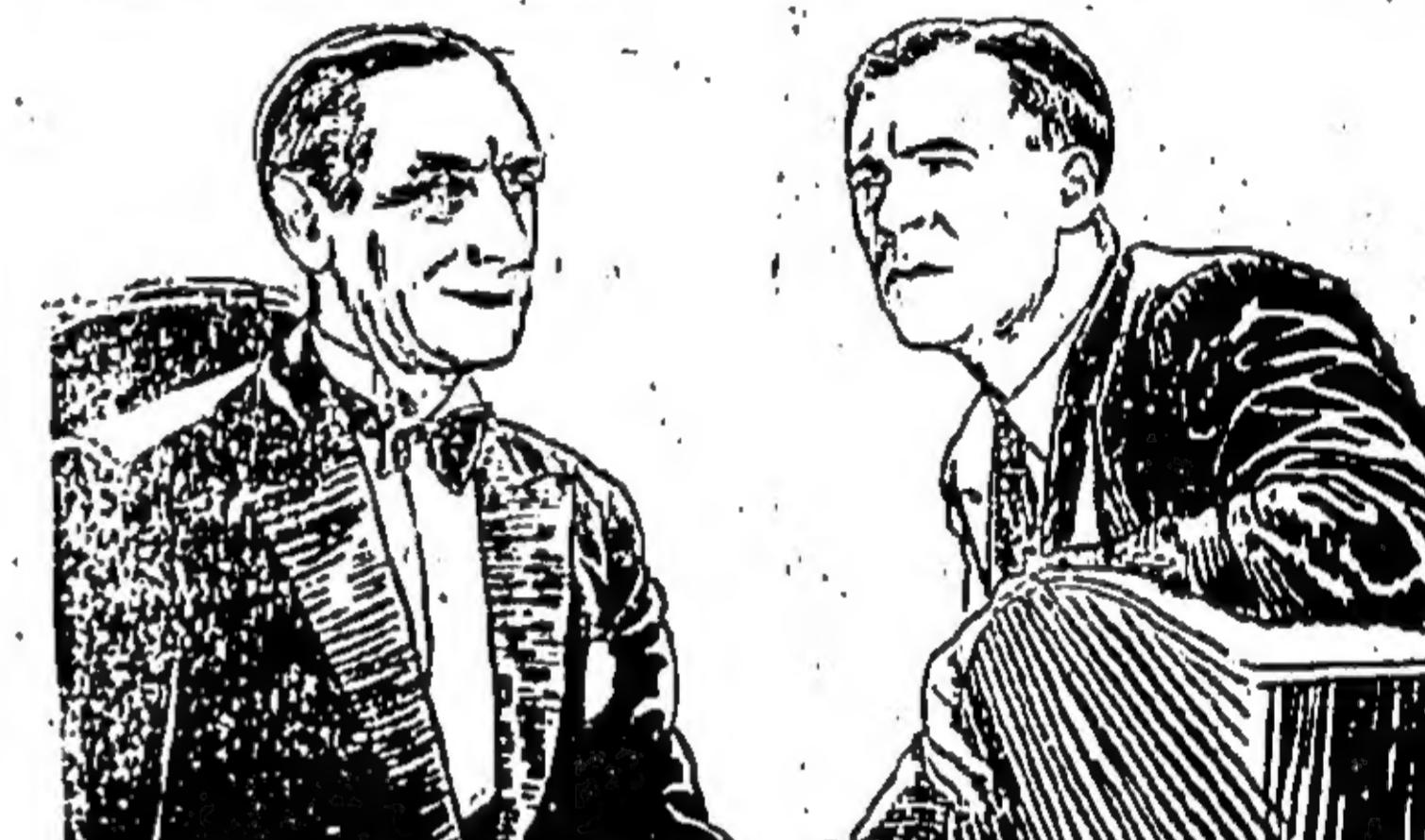
### HOOK LINE AND SINKER

DOROTHY LEE  
RALF HAROLDE  
JOSEYNA HOWLAND  
NATALIE MOORHEAD  
Directed by EDDIE CLINE

ALSO SHOWING  
CARTOON  
and  
COMEDY  
"Moonlight & Monkey Business"



### NEXT ATTRACTION LATEST BRITISH THRILLER



AT THE  
STAR  
GOLDWYN and ZIEGFELD'S SPECTACLE

"WHOOPEE"  
with EDDIE CANTOR

## MAJESTIC

TO-DAY & At 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 &  
TO-MORROW 9.20 P.M.

You'll roar when you see it and  
laugh for months afterwards  
when you think of it!



### BIG FOREST FIRE 400 ACRES DESTROYED IN SUSSEX

London, Mar. 27.—Four hundred acres of beautiful forest land were destroyed to-day when a fire broke out in Ashdown Forest, a popular haunt of holiday-makers.

The Boy Scouts who were holding their Easter Camp in the forest worked strenuously to stifle the flames.

It is believed that the fire was started by a carelessness of a